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THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(The names of those present are marked with an asterisk.)

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
A. Henderson, M.A.	—— 1810	Chas. Bennett	St. Andrews	St. Andrews, C. E.
Wm. Taylor, D.D.	Mar. 24, 1831	*Wm. King	Montreal	Montreal.
Wm. B. Clark	Sept. 1839		Quebec	Quebec.
Thomas Henry	—— 1840	P. Eadie	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*James Watson, A.M.	Aug. 29, 1849	Mr. Macintosh	Huntingdon	Huntingdon, C. E.
*Daniel Gordon	Oct. 1849		Indian Lands	Athol.
*Alex. F. Kemp, M.A.	Jan. 29, 1851	William Brown	Montreal, St. Gabriel St.	Montreal.
Wm. Scott	Feb. 23, 1853		St. Sylvester	St. Sylvester, C. E.
*Duncan Cameron	Mar. 4, 1854	M. McGilvray	Lochiel	Lochiel, C. E.
*John Anderson	Oct. 11, 1854		Lancaster	Lancaster, C. E.
James McConechy	March, 1855		Leeds	Leeds, C. E.
John Crombie, M.A.	Aug. 1855		Inverness	Inverness, C. E.
Peter Currie	Feb. 9, 1856	R. McKillican	Vankleek Hill	Vankleek Hill.
Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857	Wm. McKell	Eng. River and Durham	Howick, C. E.
Daniel Anderson	Dec. 23, 1857	Thos. Dresden	Farnham Centre	Farnham Cen., C.E.
Alex. Allan	Feb. 26, 1858	M. Gilmour, sen	St. Eustache	St. Eustache, C. E.
Adam McQueen	Dec. 15, 1858	J. R. McKenzie	Kenyon	Skye, C. E,
John Milloy	Feb. 1859		Lingwick	Gould, C. E.
*John Mackie	May 18, 1850		Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*John McKay	May 26, 1859		Richmond	Melbourne, C. E.
*D. H. McVicar	Oct. 19, 1859	John Plimsoll	Montreal, Cote St.	Montreal.
*James Greenfield	Nov. 24, 1859	*Mr. Ross	Martintown, &c.	Martintown.
*D. Paterson, M.A.	Oct. 24, 1859		St. Andrews	St. Andrews, C. E.
*Walter Coulthart	Nov. 22, 1860	James Brodie	St. Louis de Gonzague	Valleyfield, C. E.
*Robert Binnie	May 29, 1861	John Murray	New Glasgow	New Glasgow, C. E.
*John Eadie	Mar. 19, 1862		Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
Vacant			Winslow	Stornaway, C. E.
"			Laguerre	Laguerre.
"			Mille Isle	Mille Isle.
"			Durham	Ormston, C. E.
David Black, Ordained Miss			Chateauguay.	
D. P. Muir, "			St. Jos. St., Montreal.	
Thomas Fenwick, "			Metis.	

STATIONS—Harrington, Alexandria, Kennebec, Lake Beauport.

ALEX. F. KEMP, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
*R. H. Thornton, D.D.	April, 1833	*Alex. Burnett	Oshawa	Oshawa.
*Alex. Kennedy	Sep. 30, 1835	*John Parker	Dunbarton and Canton	Dunbarton.
*George Lawrence	Apr. 28, 1837	Wm. Rutherford	Clarke	Orono.
*Robt. Monteath	Apr. 29, 1841	John McGill	Prince Albert, &c.	Prince Albert.
*John Baird, M.A.	June18, 1843	*Wm. Wilkie	Pickering	Claremont.
*John McTavish	—— 1844	*Don. B. Cameron	Woodville	Woodville.
John McLachlan	Oct. 26, 1846	*Arch. Gillies	Beaverton	Beaverton.
Wm. C. Windell	Nov. 2, 1847	Wm. Stewart	Cartwright and Ballyduff	Ballyduff.
*John Smith	Sep. 2, 1851	*John Smart	Bowmanville	Bowmanville.
*Robt. McArthur	Nov. 20, 1854	Alex Leask	Brock and Reach	Wick.
*Thomas Sharp	May, 1857	*Andrew Barclay	Ashburn and Utica	Ashburn.
*George Riddell	Oct. 2, 1858	*Wm. Mitchell	Newton and Newcastle	Clarke.
Vacant		*John Calder	Columbus and Brooklin.	

ROBERT MONTEATH, *Presbytery Clerk, pro tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
*William Aitken	Oct. 1, 1839	George Foster	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
*S. C. Fraser	March, 1844	Mr. John Forest	McNab	White Lake.
Walter Scott	—— 1844		Dalhousie	Dalhousie.
*Thomas Wardrope	Aug. 13, 1845	*Alex. Kennedy	Ottawa	Ottawa.
John McKinnon	Feb. 4, 1846		Beckwith and Ashton	Carleton Place.
*James B. Duncan	July 1, 1848	Francis Hall	Perth	Perth.
J. L. Gourlay, A.M.	March, 1851	Hugh Gourlay	Aylmer and Nepean	Aylmer, C. E.
David Wardrope	June 5, 1855		Bristol	Bristol, C. E.
*James Whyte	Nov. 24, 1858	Alex. Stewart	Osgoode and Russell	Osgoode.
*William Mackenzie	Dec. 8, 1858	*Jno. McCarter	Ramsay	Almonte.
*John McEwen	Dec. 7, 1859	W. H. Dunning	Cumberland & Lochaber	Osborne.
*Joseph White		Thomas Stevenson	Wakefield	Wakefield.
Vacant				Renfrew.
"				Russell, &c.
"				Pakenham.
"				Pembroke.
"				Fitzroy, Harbour & Torbolton.
"				Thurso and Lochaber.

S. C. Fraser, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
Robert Boyd, D.D.	Feb. 8, 1821	Thomas Henry	Prescott	Prescott.
William Lochead	Dec. 1830	T. Rutherford	Gloucester and N. Gower	Kars.
John Morrison	May 12, 1829	Thos. Duncan	Waddington, N. Y.	Waddington, N.Y.
*Andrew Melville	Feb. 26, 1840	Peter Ewing	Westport	Spencerville.
John C. Quin	Sept. 1850	Walter Ker	Kemptville	Kemptville.
*J. K. Smith, A.M.	Feb. 1853	Dr. R. Edmondson	Brockville	Brockville.
Robert Mackenzie	August, 1853	Andrew Carson	South Gower	Mountain.
Hugh Campbell	Sep. 20, 1854	Robert Craig	Cornwall	Cornwall.
Alex. Matheson	Nov. 28, 1860	Richard Markell	Osnabruck	Lunenburgh.
Vacant				Winchester.
"		J. Coquhoun		Morrisburgh.
"		Wm. Elliott		Spencerville & Pt. Elgin.
"		David Nicol		Yonge and Lyn.
"		W. Mills		Mirickville.
"				Finch.
"		Jas. Hillers		North Augusta.

James K. Smith, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
Joseph Young	Oct. 21, 1829	*H. Morice	Erskine Ch., Brantford	Brantford.
*David Caw	Dec. 15, 1830	*M. Folsetter	Dumfries St. Ch., Paris	Paris.
*John Gillespie	June 19, 1845	*Wm. Spiers	Willis Ch., Blenheim	Princeton.
*William Inglis	Dec. 23, 1847	*D. Penman	Erskine Ch., Woodstock	Woodstock.
*Archibald Cross	Aug. 17, 1848	T. Hyslop	Erskine Ch., Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
*Duncan McRuer	Nov. 25, 1851	*W. Bryden	Knox's Church, Ayr	Ayr.
*Duncan McDiarmid	May 26, 1852		Chalmers' Ch., Woodstock	Woodstock.
*John Dunbar	May 18, 1853	*H. McIntosh	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
*Wm. T. McMullen	Nov. 5, 1856	*Wm Anderson	Knox's Ch., Woodstock	Woodstock.
*John Straith	Jan. 30, 1857	*H. Davidson	Knox's Church, Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
*W. Robertson, M.A.	Jan. 26, 1859	*John Fairbairn	Chesterfield	Chesterfield.
*Wm. Cochrane	June 7, 1859	A. Spence	Zion Church, Brantford	Brantford.
*Wm. Peattie	Jan. 24, 1860	G. Bryce	Mount Pleasant	Mohawk.
*Robert Hume, M.A.	May 22, 1860	*A. Christie	St. George	St. George.
*Wm. Donald	Oct. 31, 1860	*J. Barr	Norwichville, &c.	Norwichville.
*George Irving	July 17, 1861	*Fergus Anderson	Stanley St. Ch., Ayr	Ayr.
*James Robertson	July 23, 1862	*Peter Wilson	River St. Church, Paris	Paris.
*Wm. Richardson	Mar. 3, 1863	John Allison	Tilsonburg, &c.	Tilsonburg.
Vacant		David McBeth	Blandford and Innerkip.	
"				Beachville.

John Gillespie, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
William Smart	April, 1811		Without charge	Gananoque.
*James McIntosh	July 30, 1828	Samuel Girvin	Amherst Island	Amherst Island.
Henry Gordon	May 14, 1833	Arch. Ramsay	Gananoque	Gananoque.
*Patrick Gray	Sep. 21, 1846	Robert Matthews	Chalmers' Ch., Kingston	Kingston.
Robert C. Swinton	Aug. 1850	James Gray	Picton and Demorestville	Picton.
*Andrew Wilson	Jan. 29, 1851	James Gibson	Brock St., Kingston	Kingston.
*William McLaren	June 1, 1853	*Dr. Rufus Holden	Belleville	Belleville.
*John Scott	May 29, 1853		Napanee	Napanee.
*Thos. T. Chambers	May 23, 1855	James Stinson	Storrington & Pittsburgh	Battersea.
David Wishart	April 6, 1857		Madoc	Madoc.
James Hanran	July 4, 1861		Camden and Sheffield	Centreville.
*John Turnbull	June 12, 1862	*Robert F. Pegan	Melrose and Lonsdale.	
*Thos. Kellough	May 28, 1863		Trenton and Consecon.	
Vacant			Ballynahinch, Harrowsmith	
"			Roslin.	
"			Bath & Fredericksburgh.	

Patrick Gray, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
James Douglass	June 1828		Centreville and Millbrook	Millbrook.
*John M. Roger	Mar. 29, 1833	*Jas. Hamilton	Peterboro'	Peterboro'.
*Thomas Alexander	March, 1835	David Smith	Percy and Seymour	Norham.
John Paterson	—— 1840	Alexander Orr	Verulam	Willock's.
*John Ewing	June, 1846	Wm. Hunter	Emily	Mt. Pleasant.
John W. Smith	April, 1849	Gavin Craig	Grafton and Vernonville	Grafton.
James R. Scott	June 6, 1849	Samuel Corbett	Perrytown and Oakhills	Perrytown.
*Wm. J. McKenzie	Oct. 5, 1850		Baltimore & Coldsprings	Baltimore.
*Francis Andrews,	—— 1851	Duncan McIntyre	Keene and Westwood	Keene.
*John Laing	June, 1854	*Alex. Fraser	Cobourg	Cobourg.
*William Blain	July 4, 1854	*Alex. Robertson	Springville	Springville.
*James Bowie	May 15, 1855	David Burgess	No wood and Hastings	Norwood.
*Peter Duncan	Dec. 27, 1857	Walter Rutherford	Colborne and Brighton	Colborne.
Vacant		*John Lees	Port Hope.	
"		Wm. Isaac, sen.	Rowmanton and Alnwick.	

James Bowie, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
Thomas Christie			Flamboro' West	Flamboro' West.
*James Findlay	Jan. 12, 1827	*James Berry	Waterdown, &c.	Waterdown.
*George Cheyne	—— 1831	*John Ptolemy	Saltfleet, &c.	Tapleytown.
*Mark Y. Stark	Sep. 21, 1833	*Alex. Ogg	Dundas	Dundas.
*R. Irvine, D.D.	Nov. 13, 1840	*Edward Bethune	Knox's Ch., Hamilton	Hamilton.
*John Porteous	Dec. 7, 1842	*Walter Tait	Beverly	Kirkwall.
*Alex. McLean, A.M.	Feb. 14, 1843	*James Sanderson	Nairn Church	Freelton.
*David Inglis	—— 1846	*John Brown	McNab St., Hamilton	Hamilton.
*R. F. Burns	July 1, 1847	*James Dougan	St. Catharines	St. Catharines.
*Robert Wallace		James Hardie	Thorold & Drummondville	Thorold.
*Wm. M. Christie	Oct. 3, 1849		Chippawa	Chippawa.
*Wm. Ormiston, D.D.	Oct. 23, 1849	*James Henderson	Central Ch., Hamilton	Hamilton.
*James Black	Nov. 9, 1853	*Alex. Mitchell	Knox Ch., Caledonia, &c.	Seneca.
*John Lees	July 10, 1855	John Robertson	Ancaster Vil., & E. & W.	Ancaster.
*William Craigie	June 5, 1856	Robert McKetrick	Simcoe and Port Dover	Port Dover.
*John Rennie	Apr. 22, 1857	*Salmon Minor	Dunnville, &c.	Dunnville.
*John McRobie	Oct, 21, 1857	*John Gowans	Jarvis and Walpole	Jarvis.
*John G. Murray	July 7, 1858	*Robert Brown	Grimsby and Clinton	Grimsby.
*Finlay McCuaig	Nov. 28, 1860	*John Denton	Port Dalhousie, &c.	Port Dalhousie.
*Thomas Wilson	Apr. 28, 1863		Sutherland St., Caledonia	Seneca.
*Alex. McGlashan		D. W. Eastman	Pelham and Gainsboro'.	
Vacant			Walsingham.	
"		*John Starke	Oneida.	
"			Crowland.	
"			Port Colborne & Welland.	

John Porteous, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
*Robert Burns, D.D.	July 10, 1811		Prof. Knox College	Toronto.
*M. Willis, D.D. LL.D.	—— 1821		Prin. Knox. College	Toronto.
James Harris	July 10, 1829		Without Charge	Eglinton.
*Wm. Fraser	Sep. 2, 1834	*Richard McKie	W. Gwillimbury and Essa	Bond Head.
*David Coutts	—— 1836	M. Stewart / And. Scott	1st and 2d, Chinguacousy	Mayfield.
*Alex. Topp	Jan. 1838	*Hon. J. McMurrich	Knox Ch., Toronto	Toronto.
*John Jennings, D.D.	July 1838	*Robt. J. Wylie	Bay St., Toronto	Toronto.
Peter Glassford	Oct. 10, 1838	James Somerville.	Vaughan and Albion	Coleraine.
*Wm. Reid	Jan. 29, 1840		Agent of Church	Toronto.
*James Dick	Dec. 28, 1842	*Benjamin Jenkins	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill.
Thomas Wightman.	Feb. 1844	Thos Relvie	Innisfil and Barrie	Lefroy.
John Corbett	Jan. 1847		Mono	Mono Centre.
*Wm. Gregg	Jan. 1847	Wm. Hunter	Cooke's Ch., Toronto	Toronto.
*George P. Young	—— 1847		Prof. Knox College	Toronto.
*James Pringle	Jan. 19, 1848	Robt. Henderson.	Brampton	Brampton.
*James Nisbet	Jan. 1850		Missionary Red River.	
*Robert Rodgers	Dec. 4, 1850		Collingwood	Collingwood.
J. Alexander, M.A.	May, 1851	*Donald Elder	Norval and Union	Norval.
*John Gray	May, 1851	*George Tudhope	Orillia and East Oro	Orillia.
John Black	July 13, 1851	*Donald McLellan.	Red River	Red River.
James Adams	July, 1852		King	Nobleton.
Robert Jamieson	Jan. 29, 1854		Miss. British Columbia.	
*James Mitchell	Feb. 1857	Andrew Laidlaw.	Milton and Boston Ch.	Milton.
*John M. King, A.M.	Oct. 27, 1857	*D. Fotheringham.	Gould Street, Toronto	Toronto.
Alex. McFaul	May 17, 1858		Caledon and Orangeville.	Caledon.
*Nathaniel Paterson.	July 19, 1859	*John Hogg	York Mills & Fisherville.	
George Craw	Dec. 1859		Medonte and Flos	Craighurst.
*Julius Straus	April 1860	Wm. Hood	Markham	Buttonville.
*D. H. Fletcher	Nov. 1860	*Wm. Ferguson	Scarborough	Agincourt.
*Robert Scott	Nov. 23, 1860	*J. Barclay	Oakville and Dundas St.	Oakville.
*C. M. Mackerracher.	Aug. 22, 1861		Scotch Settl. & Bradford.	Bradford.
James Milligan	Aug. 27, 1861		King and Laskey	Laskey.
*John K. Hislop	Nov. 17, 1862		Allis on, W. Essa & T. Line	Alliston.
Vacant			West Oro.	
"			Streetsville.	
"		*Sam. Marshall	West Ch., Toronto.	
"			Tecumseth.	
"			Nottawasaga, &c.	
"			Brampton.	

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
*George Smellie	March, 1836	*Adam L. Argo	Fergus. Melville Ch.	Fergus.
*John Duff	Aug. 10, 1836	David Black	Elora, Knox's Ch., &c.	Elora.
*William Barrie	Jan. 4, 1843	Jos. Wood	Eramosa, 1st Cong.	Guelph.
*John Thomson, D.D.	Mar. 28, 1844	*Morris C. Lutz	Galt, Knox's Ch.	Galt.
*Robert Torrance	Nov. 11, 1846	*James Armstrong.	Guelph, 1st Cong.	Guelph.
*William S. Ball	Feb. 28, 1849	*Thomas Mair	Guelph, Knox's Ch.	Guelph.
*And. Jas. Macaulay.	Mar 15, 1854	Arch. McPhail	Nassagaweya	Nassagaweya.
*Jas. A. Thomson	July 25, 1855	*Humph. Barbour.	Erin and Caledon West	Erin.
Alex. McLean	Nov. 1855		E. Puslinch, Duff's Ch.	Morriston.
*James Middlemiss	June 3, 1856	William Gibbon	Elora, Chalmers' Ch.	Elora.
*Andrew McLean	Mar 10, 1857		West Puslinch	Puslinch.
*John McMechan.	Dec. 15, 1859	*George Davidson.	Berlin, St. Andrew's Ch.	Berlin.
*William Millican	Sep. 21, 1859	James Ferrier, sr.	Garafraxa, St. John's Ch.	Garafraxa.
*James Thom	Oct. 23, 1859	*Jno. A. Davidson.	Eden and Rockwood	Rockwood.
*Malcolm Mackenzie.	Feb. 12, 1862	Wm. Henderson	Doon and Hespeler	Doon.
*William T. Murdoch	Sep. 10, 1862	*Jas. Dalgleish	Galt, 2nd Congregation	Galt.
*Lachlin Cameron	Nov. 5, 1862	*Duncan Kennedy.	Acton. Knox's Church	Acton.
Vacant		William Mitchell.	Woolwich, Chalmer's Ch.	
"			Glen Allan and Hollin.	
"			Rothsay.	

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*James Skinner	Mar. 31, 1834	*Jas. Fraser	Eng. Settlem. and Bethel	Birr.
*Donald McKenzie	—— 1834		Zorra	Embro.
*John Fraser	—— 1845	John Renton	Thamesford	Thamesford.
Alex. W. Waddell	Dec. 28, 1847	James Laird	Harwich	Ridgetown.
*Wm. R. Sutherland.	Feb. 16, 1848	Alex. Eadie	Ekfrid	Strathburn.
Angus McColl	Feb. 1848		Chatham	Chatham.
Lachlan McPherson.	Feb. 7, 1849		Williams	Williams.
*Jno. J. A. Proudfoot	July 16, 1848	*Alex. Smith	London, 1st Cong.	London.
*David Walker	July 25, 1849	*Arch. Young	Sarnia	Sarnia.
*John Scott	Oct. 1850	*Wm. Clark	London, St. Andrews	London.
*William King	May 14, 1851	Robt. VanvrankinBuxton		Buxton.
Jas. W. Chestnut	Mar. 10, 1853	Dugald Ferguson.	Mandawmin	Oban.
*Wm. Walker	Oct. 25, 1853	Jas. McFarlane.	Chatham, Wellington St.	Chatham.
*Jno. McMillan	Jan. 26, 1856	John Turner	Fingal	Fingal.
*Wm. Forest	Feb. 18, 1857		Ridgetown	Ridgetown.
*George Cuthbertson.	Oct. 7, 1857	*Peter McGill	St. Thomas	St. Thomas.
Stephen Balmer	July 22, 1858		Detroit	Detroit, Michigan.
*Wm. Fletcher	Feb. 16, 1859	Robt. Scott	Carlisle	Falkirk.
*Arch. McDiarmid	Apr. 27, 1859	*Donald McMillan.	Wallacetown	Wallacetown.
*Neil McKinnon	Feb. 21, 1861	*Robt. Calderwood.	Wardsville	Wardsville.
*William Bennett			Windsor	Windsor.
*Peter Goodfellow		Peter McCallum	Bosanquet	Widder.
Archibald Currie		Alex. McColl	Belmont and Yarmouth.	
*George Simpson	July 20, 1862	*John Wilson	Westminster	London.
*Arch. Stewart	Nov. 27, 1862	*Duncan Campbell.	Mosa.	
Vacant		William Colvin.	Lobo and Carodoc.	
"			Moore.	
"			Tilbury.	
"			Amherstburg.	
"			Adelaide.	
"			Warwick.	
"			Plympton.	
"	Mis. Sta.		Delaware.	
"			Florence and Bothwell.	
"			Dunwich, Chalmers' Ch.	
"			Napier.	
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DAVID WALKER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
James Duncan	June, 1836	James Pollock	Bayfield	Bayfield.
*Walter Inglis	Nov. 1842	John Inglis	2nd Kincardine	Kincardine.
*William Graham	Jan. 15, 1845	Hugh Craig	Egmondville	Egmondville.
John Logie	Dec. 2, 1849	George Thomson	Rodgerville	Rodgerville.
*Robert Ure	Oct. 1850	George Bissett	Goderich	Goderich.
*John Ross	Sep. 25, 1851	George Walker	Brucefield	Brucefield.
*Matthew Barr	Feb. 14, 1854	James Grieve	Harpurhey	Harpurhey.
*Wm. C. Young	Sept. 6, 1854	John Taylor	Turnberry, &c.	Dingle.
*John Stewart	Mar. 8, 1855	Robert Reid	Blythe	Blythe.
*A. D. McDonald	Apr. 28, 1859	*James Aikenhead.	Clinton	Clinton.
*Alex. McKay	Apr. 25, 1860	*Murd. McDonald.	South Bruce	Tiverton.
William Matheson	May 1, 1862		North Bruce	Normanton.
*Adam McKay	July 24, 1862		Culross	Teeswater.
*A. G. Forbes	Dec. 11, 1862		Riversdale	Riversdale.
Vacant		James Johnston	Knox Ch., Kincardine.	
"		John Allison	Thames Road.	
"		John Douglas	Ashfield.	
"		Hugh Rutherford.	St. Helens.	

A. D. MCDONALD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
*Thomas Lowry	Sep. 24, 1833	*James Gamble	Mornington	West's Corners.
*Thomas McPherson.	Oct. 10, 1836	Benjamin Rigg	Stratford	Stratford.
Daniel Allan	Oct. 21, 1838	Sam. Rutherford.	North Easthope	Stratford.
*William Meldrum	March, 1840	Wm. McKenzie	Harrington	Harrington.
*James Boyd	July 7, 1847	Wm. Chalmers	Wellesley	Crosshill.
*Alex. A. Drummond	Oct. 20, 1847	James McDonald	Shakspeare	Shakspeare.
*William Caven	Oct. 7, 1852	*D. McVannel	St. Mary's	St. Mary's, B.
*William Doak	Feb. 14, 1855	*M. Ballantyne	Downie	Stratford.
*John Fotheringham	Feb. 26, 1856	Alex. Duncan	Hibbert	Cromarty.
*Robert Hamilton	June30, 1856	*Robert Bain	Fullarton	Avonbank.
David Beattie	Apr. 23, 1857	Andrew Mundell.	Hornington	Millbank.
Robert Hall	Apr. 17, 1860	James Spence	Nissouri	St. Mary's, B.
*Robert Renwick	Jan. 8, 1863.		Elma.	
Vacant			Mitchell.	
"			Chal. Ch., St. Mary's.	

WILLIAM DOAK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICES.
*Thomas Stevenson	June21, 1840	D. Christie	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
*Andrew Tolmie	June 2, 1853		Southampton	Saugeen.
*Patrick Greig	——— 1854	James Milligan	Normanby	Orchardville.
Robert Dewar	Oct. 17, 1855	Wm. Brown	Lake Shore	Leith.
Robert C. Moffatt	Oct. 14, 1857	James Nisbet	Walkerton	Walkerton.
Alexander Grant	Aug. 4, 1858	G. McKay	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
*James Cameron	Feb. 16, 1859	James Mitchell	Sullivan, &c	Chatsworth.
William Park	May 18, 1859		Durham	Bentinck.
George Bremner	Feb. 15, 1860	James Rankine	Paisley	Paisley.
*Donald McLean	May 31, 1860	*D. McLellan	Mount Forest	Mount Forest.
Charles Cameron	——— 1861	Alex. Turnbull	Rocky Saugeen	Priceville.
*David Waters	July 16, 1861	*P. Scott	Southampton, &c	Saugeen.
*Alex. Fraser	Oct. 22, 1861	Wm. Kennedy	Port Elgin	Port Elgin.
John Gauld	May 21, 1862		Thornbury, &c	Griersville.
*James McDowall	Dec. 31, 1862	R. Davis	St. Vincent, &c.	
Vacant		A. McKerricher	North Brant.	

WILLIAM PARK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF

THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SYNOD

OF

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Hamilton, and within Central Church there, the second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, and, after sermon by the Moderator, Mr. Robert Ure, from Psalm 110, 1st and 2nd verses—"The Lord did say unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies"—was constituted with prayer.

The Moderator addressed the Synod.

Roll called.

The Roll of Synod, compiled from the Rolls of the several Presbyteries, was called, and the attendance of members marked.

Ordained missionaries in roll of Presbytery of Montreal.

The Minute Clerk here stated that the names of three ministers appeared on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal, under the title of "ordained missionaries," and inquired whether or not those ministers were to be regarded as members of the Synod.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Topp, and seconded by Mr. McTavish, that the names be removed from the Roll of Synod.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Cross, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy, That the names be allowed to remain on the Roll.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Smellie, seconded by Mr. McLaren, That the names of ordained missionaries on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal, be referred to a Committee, with instructions to inquire into the facts of the cases, and report as to the status which should be accorded to the parties in question.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Irvine, That in regard to the names of ordained missionaries on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal, the law of the Church be adhered to, as contained in the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada for the year 1851, to the effect following: "On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to, that when a vote is called for, the names of ordained

missionaries, standing on the Roll of any Presbytery, shall not be called."

Decision. Votes being taken between the several amendments and the original motion, the amendment of Mr. Smellie was successively preferred, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Committee appointed. In accordance with this decision, the Synod appointed a Committee for the purpose, and with the instructions indicated, composed of the Clerks of all the Presbyteries, together with Mr. Smellie as Convener.

Mr. L. M'Pherson, inquiry concerning his place on Roll of London Presbytery. An inquiry was here made, why the name of Mr. Lachlan McPherson was retained on the Roll of the Presbytery of London. The Synod passed over the matter, in the meantime, reserving the right to give a decision thereon at a future Sederunt.

Commissions of Elders referred to Committee. It was agreed to refer the commissions of Elders appointed by their respective Sessions to represent them in Synod, but whose names had not been placed on the Roll, as also all amendments or additions which should be made to the Roll of Synod, to the same Committee to whom was referred the question on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Election of Moderator. The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when there was read from the table a list of ministers nominated by Presbyteries for the office of Moderator, containing the following names:—Mr. William Aitken, of Smith's Falls; Mr. James Dick, of Richmond Hill; Mr. John Baird, of Pickering; Mr. William Barrie, of Eramosa; Mr. William Caven, of St. Mary's; Mr. John J. A. Proudfoot, of London; Mr. James Skinner, of Proof Line, London township; Mr. Alex. Topp, of Knox's Church, Toronto.

Mr. Dick chosen. Votes were taken between the several ministers nominated, when Mr. Dick was successively preferred. The yeas and nays were then called for, and the election of Mr. Dick as Moderator was declared to be unanimous. Mr. Dick thereupon took the chair and addressed the Synod.

Business Committee, Report of. The Committee on Business gave in a Report, which was received, and its recommendations were adopted, with the exception of that relating to the hour of adjournment at the closing Sederunt in the evening.

Bills and Overtures Committee, members of, appointed. The Synod, in accordance with the forementioned Report, appointed Mr. Thomas Alexander, minister, and Mr. Alex. Fraser, to be members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures for the Presbytery of Cobourg, and Dr. Thornton and Mr. Burnet to be members of said Committee for the Presbytery of Ontario, it having appeared that those Presbyteries had omitted to make the requisite appointments.

Hours of meeting and Sederunts. It was agreed to adopt the following arrangements with respect to the diets for business:—To meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and on succeeding days at 10 o'clock, and continue in session till 1 o'clock; meet again at 3 o'clock, and adjourn at 6; resume at half-past 7, and close at half-past 10 o'clock.

General order of business. It was further agreed that the consideration of Causes be confined to the forenoon Sederunt; that the Reports of Standing Committees be, in general, taken up at the evening Sederunt, and that precedence be given to those from the Mission Committees.

Presbyteries may meet in intervals of Synod. Leave was granted to the several Presbyteries to meet, for competent business, on the call of their respective Moderators, in the intervals of the Sederunts, during this session of Synod.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again in the morning at 11 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
WEDNESDAY, *June* 3, 1863, 11 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was opened with praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer, by the Moderator, Mr. Dick.

Devotional exercises. The Moderator was followed in prayer, alternating with praise, by Dr. Burns, Mr. Skinner, and Mr. Smellie. The Moderator then declared the Synod to be constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

The minutes of the first sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Ure, thanks to, as Moderator. On motion of Mr. Mitchell, which was duly seconded, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Ure for his services during the past year as Moderator, and for the excellent sermon delivered by him last night.

John Henderson, Esq., thanks to, for books. On motion of Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Kemp, it was agreed, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to John Henderson, Esq., of Park, for his late valuable donation of books to each minister of this church.

The Queen, Prince & Princess of Wales, addresses to. It was moved by Mr. Monteath, duly seconded and carried unanimously, That the Synod present a dutiful and loyal address to Her Majesty the Queen, and a Congratulatory Address to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their recent marriage; and tender at the same time the earnest wishes and prayers of the Synod for the future domestic happiness and comfort of their Royal Highnesses.

Committee on Addresses. The following were appointed a Committee to draft addresses to the foregoing effect, namely, the Moderator, Convener, Principal Willis, Mr. Monteath.

Montreal Presbytery, Commissions of Elders and Synod Roll, Committee on Report. The Committee on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal, on the Commissions of Elders, and on the Synod Roll, gave in their report, recommending certain alterations and additions in the Roll of Synod, in several of the Presbyteries. It was also recommended that in the case of the return of two Ruling Elders in connection

with one pastoral charge in the Presbytery of Toronto, only one of them shall have a vote, till the subject of the representation of kirk-sessions, in such cases, shall have been considered by the Synod. The Report further stated that in reference to the case of certain ordained missionaries on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal, the Committee had unanimously agreed to the following motion: That considering the usage long allowed to this Presbytery in such cases, and the fact that said ministers were appointed on the understanding that their status as ministers should be in accordance with such usage, the Committee recommend that they be continued on the Roll so long as they remain in their present positions, having the same privileges as associated members, but that in future no minister be placed on the Roll of any Presbytery of the Church, who has not been regularly inducted into a fixed charge, without the consent of the Synod.

Report adopted. On motion made and seconded, the Report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered in terms thereof.

Bills and Overtures, 1st Report of Committee. The first Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was read by Mr. Gregg, the chairman. The Report was received, and the order of business, therein recommended, sustained.

Remits, returns to, Committee on. The Synod appointed Messrs. Gillespie, Skinner, and Smith, of Brockville, a Committee on the Returns to Remits of Synod; Mr. Smith to be Convener.

Standing Committees, Committee to nominate. The following Committee was appointed, in accordance with the Standing Orders, to nominate the several Standing Committees of Synod, namely, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Thos. Lowry, Thos. McPherson, Wm. Inglis, ministers; the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, and Mr. John Parker, elders—Dr. Thornton to be Convener.

Records of Synod, Committee to examine. The Synod appointed a Committee to examine the Synod's Records as follows: Messrs. J. Mitchell, J. Middlemiss, R. Monteath, Dr. Holden—Mr. Mitchell, Convener.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced, and the Synod rose.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Central Church, Hamilton,
Wednesday, *June* 3, 1863, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; Mr. Mitchell, at the request of the Moderator, conducting the devotions.

The minutes were read and sustained.

Judicial Committee, notice of motion for. Mr. McRuer, of Ayr, gave notice that, to-morrow morning, he would submit for the consideration and action of the Synod the following motion, viz.: "Considering the importance of having intricate and difficult Causes coming up from Presbyteries carefully

considered and prepared for adjudication by the Synod, it is moved that a Judicial Committee be appointed, consisting of twenty-five persons, ten of whom shall be Ruling Elders, who shall bring up a finding to the Synod on such Causes as the Synod, after hearing papers, may remit to them.

Records of Presbyteries, Committees to examine. The Synod appointed the following Committees to examine the Records of Presbyteries, namely:

Of the Presbytery of Huron, Mr. W. McLaren, Mr. T. Lowry, and Mr. James Gibson.

Of the Presbytery of London, Mr. John Ross, Mr. John Scott, of Napanee, and Mr. George Walker.

Of the Presbytery of Stratford, Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Mr. D. Caw, and Mr. George Bissett.

Of the Presbytery of Paris, Mr. R. Monteath, Mr. P. Gray, and Mr. A. Burnet.

Of the Presbytery of Grey, Mr. N. Paterson, Mr. J. Baird, and Mr. J. Parker.

Of the Presbytery of Guelph, Mr. John Fotheringham, Mr. George Cheyne, and Mr. Walter Tait.

Of the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. George Smellie, Mr. J. Skinner, and Mr. James Fraser.

Of the Presbytery of Toronto, Mr. Archibald Cross, Mr. W. Walker, and Mr. W. Speirs.

Of the Presbytery of Ontario, Mr. Wm. Inglis, Mr. Alex. Topp, and Mr. J. Wylie.

Of the Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. T. Wightman, Mr. J. Duff, and Mr. Alex. Watt.

Of the Presbytery of Kingston, Mr. J. Gillespie, Mr. D. Walker, and Mr. Alex. Smith.

Of the Presbytery of Brockville, Mr. J. Dunbar, Mr. W. S. Ball, and Mr. Henry Scott.

Of the Presbytery of Ottawa, Mr. Alex. McLean (Nairn), Mr. W. Millican, and Mr. George Dawidson.

Of the Presbytery of Montreal, Dr. Irvine, Mr. R. Torrance, and Mr. James Armstrong.

Conveners. The first member named on each of the above Committees to be the Convener of each respectively.

Remits, Returns to, Report on. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Returns of Presbyteries to Remits of Synod. The Report was read by the Convener, Mr. Gillespie, in relation,—First, to the overture for the forming of a General Assembly, to the effect that five Presbyteries approve of the principle of said overture, and generally recommend the subject to be committed to a Committee to mature a scheme for its being carried out; and that seven Presbyteries

disapprove of it, as being premature. From two Presbyteries no returns were received.

Returns on Infirm Ministers' Fund.

In reference to the regulations on Infirm Ministers' Fund, the Committee reported that three Presbyteries, viz., Brockville, Paris and Stratford, approve, simpliciter; five Presbyteries, viz., Ottawa, Guelph, Cobourg, Hamilton and Toronto, approve, with slight modifications, referring chiefly to regulation No. 6, and suggesting that Presbyteries, and not the Committee, should deal with congregations anent retiring allowance for aged and infirm ministers; six Presbyteries, viz., those of Montreal, Kingston, Ontario, London, Huron and Grey, made no returns.

The Report was received.

Motion.

On the return respecting the overture on a General Assembly, it was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, That a Committee be appointed to draft a scheme for the constitution of a General Assembly and District Synods, to be remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions for consideration; said Committee to report at an early diet of Synod.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Duncan Cameron, That the overture on a General Assembly, having been disapproved by a majority of Presbyteries, be rejected.

Decision. Mr. Kemp's motion carried.

A vote was taken, when the motion of Mr. Kemp was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Gen. Assembly, Committee on, appointed.

The following Committee was then appointed, for the purpose of carrying out the object aimed at in the foregoing decision, viz.: Mr. Kemp, Mr. J. K. Smith, Dr. Ormiston, Hon. Mr. McMurrich. Mr. Kemp, Convener.

Infirm Ministers' Fund regulations to be afterwards considered.

It was agreed in relation to the Returns on the Regulations for Infirm Ministers' Fund, to consider the same, when the Report of the Committee on the said Fund shall be submitted.

Licensing of Students, leave granted to Presbyteries.

On application made, leave was granted to the Presbytery of Montreal to take Mr. John Davidson on public probationary trials for license to preach the Gospel; also to the Presbytery of Ottawa, to take Mr. Geo. Grant and Mr. A. Grant on probationary trials; also to the Presbytery of Kingston, to take Mr. A. McNaughton on probationary trials; also to the Presbytery of Toronto, to take on probationary trials Mr. John Thomson and Mr. W. Lundy; also to the Presbytery of Guelph, to take on trials Mr. Thomas McGuire; also to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to take Mr. James Mitchell on probationary trials; also to the Presbytery of London, to take on probationary trials Mr. D. Duff, Mr. H. Gracey, and Mr. James Malcolm; also to the Presbytery of Huron, to take on trials Mr. J. B. Taylor and Mr. J. Morrison.

Ministers, reception of, leave asked by Presbyteries.

Applications were received by the Synod from Presbyteries, for leave to receive Ministers into the Church, as follows: from the Presbytery of Montreal to receive Mr. W. Donaldson; from the Presbytery of Brockville, to receive Mr. W. Garner; from the Presbytery of Hamilton, to receive Mr. John Carruthers and Mr.

Henderson; from the Presbytery of London, to receive Mr. Leonard; and from the Presbytery of Stratford, to receive Mr. Ewing.

Committee to examine papers of Ministers applying for reception.

The Synod thereupon appointed a Committee to examine the papers of the applicants for admission as Ministers of this Church, and to report thereon, as follows: Messrs. John Ross, Andrew Wilson, T. McPherson, J. McTavish, J. Gauld, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. J. Duff, J. M. Roger, J. Dunbar, J. J. A. Proudfoot, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Messrs. S. C. Fraser, A. F. Kemp and J. K. Smith. Dr. Irvine, Convener.

Kirkton mission station, application for transference granted.

An application was received by the Synod from the Presbytery of Huron, to authorize the transference of the missionary station of Kirkton from the Presbytery of Stratford to the Presbytery first named. Extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Huron, in relation to the transference sought, were read.

On motion mode and seconded, the Synod granted the application, and ordered accordingly.

Burns' Church, East Zorra, transference of, to Stratford Presbytery.

An application was submitted to the Synod from the Presbytery of Stratford, for the transference to said Presbytery of Burns' Church, East Zorra, from the Presbytery of Paris. On motion made and seconded, the application was granted, and the transference, as sought, ordered.

Model Trust Deed, overture from Kingston Presbytery.

There was read and received an overture from the Presbytery of Kingston, setting forth, substantially, the expediency of drafting a Model Trust Deed for Church property, which might be recommended to congregations desirous of taking a conveyance of real property, and requesting the appointment of a Committee to draw out the form for such model deed.

Trust Deed, overture approved. Committee to draft.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, That the Synod approve of the overture, and appoint a Committee to take steps towards preparing a Model Trust Deed, to be submitted at next meeting of Synod. The Committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Alex. F. Kemp, Alex. Topp, Andrew Wilson, W. Fraser, the Moderator (Mr. J. Dick), the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Sheriff Davidson, Mr. J. Dalgleish, Mr. J. Davidson. Mr. Kemp, Convener.

BOOK OF FORMS.

Forms of Procedure, overture on.

There was read and received an overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Cobourg, on a Book of Forms of Procedure, for conducting the business of Church Courts, and requesting the Synod either to appoint a Committee for the purpose of drafting such book, or to recommend, for the use of Church Courts, some of the many excellent books on the subject, issued by different Churches.

Motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Dr. Jennings, That the Synod agree to the overture, and appoint a Committee in terms thereof.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. McTavish, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report

on the whole subject, as to what may be best for the Church to do, both in regard to forms of procedure, and also of process in cases of discipline.

Decision. A vote being taken, the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at half-past 7 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
WEDNESDAY, *June* 3, 1863, 7½ *o'clock*, *P.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with praise and prayer—Mr. Thomas Wardrope, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

STATE OF RELIGION—REPORT.

Religion, State of, Report on. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion. The Report was read by Mr. McTavish, the Convener. The following motions were then submitted:—

Motions on. 1. Moved by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Monteath, That the Report be received and adopted, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee for their services, and that, as a portion of the Report has served its purpose, it be remitted to the Committee to make such changes in it as they may deem proper, in order to its publication.

2. Moved by Mr. Baird, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Kemp, That the Synod having heard the Report from the Committee on the State of Religion, express their thanks to the Committee for the diligence they have shown; agree to the recommendation they make, to issue an address to the membership of the church; re-appoint the Committee for this purpose, suggesting to them to embody, in that address, the important, interesting, and well arranged facts, forming the essence of the Report they have just presented. The Synod would, further, devoutly express their gratitude to Almighty God, for the manifest work of the Spirit, in some parts of the Church, which the Report brings before them.

3. Moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. Nathaniel Paterson, That the Report be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee, and especially to its Convener, for the same; and that it be remitted to them to prepare and issue a Pastoral Address, founded thereon, to the members of the Church.

4. Moved, in further amendment, by Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, That the Report be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee for their services; and that the Report be re-committed to the Committee, to be prepared for publication, for the edification of the church.

Deliverance on Report—State of Religion. After long and earnest reasoning, a vote was called, when the amendment of Mr. Topp was carried, by large majorities, over the other amendments and the original motion. The yeas and nays being then called on Mr. Topp's amendment, it was affirmed by a very large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof—That the Report be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the same; and that it be remitted to them to prepare and issue a Pastoral Address, founded thereon, to the members of the Church.

The Moderator called upon Mr. John Scott, of London, to lead the Synod in expressing their devout gratitude to God, for the many cheering evidences of His favour and blessing, furnished by the Report just disposed of.

Mr. Scott offered prayer, and the Synod adjourned.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
THURSDAY, *June* 4, 1863, 10 *o'clock*, *A.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer; Mr. Caven, at the request of the Moderator, leading the devotions.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

BOOK OF FORMS—COMMITTEE ON.

Forms of Procedure, Committee on appointed. The Synod appointed the Committee on a Book of Forms of Procedure, and of Process, in accordance with the resolution adopted on this subject at the afternoon Sederunt yesterday, as follows: Mr. Dick (the Moderator), Convener, Messrs. A. F. Kemp, G. Smellie, J. Middlemiss, J. Gillespie, J. Baird, Dr. Jennings, the two Clerks of Synod.

Bills and Overtures, Report of Committee. The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, setting forth various matters to be submitted to the deliberation and action of Synod, and recommending the order in which these should be taken up. The report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

CAUSES COMMITEEE.

Causes Committee, motion on. Mr. McRuer, seconded by Dr. Thornton, submitted the motion of which he had given notice yesterday, and asked leave to make certain alterations therein. Leave was granted to make the alter-

ations stated. The motion, as so altered, is of the tenor following: Considering the importance of having intricate and difficult Causes, coming up from Presbyteries, carefully considered, and prepared for adjudication by the Synod, it is moved—That a Committee be appointed, consisting of fifteen members, who shall bring up a finding to the Synod on such Causes as the Synod, after hearing papers, may remit to them.

Amendment moved.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Caw, seconded by Mr. Cheyne, of the following tenor: That the Synod do not adopt the proposal in the meantime, its comprehensive object being more suitable for discussion by Overture.

Decision, motion carried.

A vote was then taken, and the motion was declared to be carried. Mr. Wilson, of Kingston, demanded that the Roll should be called and votes marked. The Roll was then called, the question being "Motion," or "Amendment," when there voted for the motion one hundred and nineteen (119), and for the amendment eighty-six (86).

Roll called.

Causes Committee, how to be appointed.

It was moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, That each Presbytery of the Church be represented on this Committee (Causes Committee), the nomination being left with the Moderator.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the Committee be nominated by the Moderator.

A vote was taken, when a majority appeared in favour of the motion, upon which, the yeas and nays being called, it was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod decided accordingly.

Rev. Mr. Atcheson invited to correspond.

On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, the Rev. Mr. Atcheson, of Galt, of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, was invited to take his seat in Synod as a corresponding member.

LORD'S SUPPER—OBSERVANCE OF.

Lord's Supper, Synodical observance of; Report of Committee on.

The Committee appointed last year, to make arrangements for the observance of the Lord's Supper by the Synod, during this meeting gave in a Report, which was read by Dr. Ormiston, the Convener.

Three motions, having in view the disposal of the Report were read. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
THURSDAY, *June* 4, 1863, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer by by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Elder's Commission, Report on.

The Committee on the Commissions of Elders gave in a Report, which was read, and, on motion, was received and adopted.

LORD'S SUPPER, OBSERVANCE OF.

Lord's Supper, Synodical observance of. Motions withdrawn.

The Synod proceeded to dispose of the Report of the Committee on the Synodical observance of the Lord's Supper. Prof. Young, who had read a motion on the subject in the morning, upon leave granted, withdrew the said motion. Mr. J. Laing also withdrew the motion which he had read in the morning on this subject. The only one of the motions formerly read, then remaining, was that submitted by Principal Willis, of the tenor following:

Motion of Principal Willis.

Moved by Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. D. Cameron, That the Report be received and approved in substance; the Synod resolve that the Communion be dispensed, but, impressed with the importance of preparatory services, resolve that the services on the Sabbath shall be, as nearly as possible, in the usual manner, that is, sermon and fencing the tables; and the Synod also resolve that, on the afternoon of Saturday, there be a diet of public worship, including a sermon, with prayer and fasting.

1st amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. Cross, That three ministers be appointed to preach action sermons in the three separate Presbyterian churches of the city, and also to fence the tables; and that in connection with these services the Communion be administered, as suggested by the Committee.

2nd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Barrie, That the Communion be dispensed in connection with the morning service, on the Sabbath, and that there be preparatory exercises on the evening of Saturday.

Votes.

A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. Gregg and that of Mr. Inglis, when a majority voted for the amendment of Mr. Gregg. Another vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. Gregg and the motion of Principal Willis, when a majority again voted for the amendment of Mr. Gregg.

Amendment negatived.

The yeas and nays were then taken on Mr. Gregg's amendment, when it was negatived by a large majority.

Ruling of Moderator on decision.

The Moderator here ruled that, by the present decision, the whole question was now disposed of, and that the Synod could take no further action on the matter at this meeting.

Appeal from Moderator's ruling sustained.

Mr. Ross appealed from the ruling of the Moderator, on the ground that the decision arrived at did not definitively dispose of the Report, but only of some of the special recommendations thereof, and maintained that it was competent for the Synod to proceed anew. The appeal of Mr. Ross was sustained by a large majority.

Lord's Supper, motion on.

It was then moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, That, seeing arrangements have been already made for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, by the Committee appointed at last

Synod, the Report, as presented by them, be received and adopted, with the exception that a sermon be preached before the dispensation of the ordinance.

1st amendment. It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, That the Report of the Committee be adopted, with the following alterations, namely, that preparatory exercises be engaged in, on Saturday evening, in this church, and that an action sermon be preached, at 3 o'clock on Sabbath, in connexion with the administration of the ordinance.

2nd amendment. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. Ross, That the Report be received and adopted, with the exception that sermons, appropriate to the administration of the ordinance, be appointed by the Synod to be preached in the different Presbyterian churches, along with fencing of tables, at the forenoon diet, and that a preliminary service be held in this church on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

3rd amendment. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. Cross, That in view of the diversity of sentiment on the subject of the Synodical observance of the Communion, the Synod regard it as inexpedient that the ordinance should be dispensed during this meeting.

Votes. Votes were then taken, when the amendment of Mr. Inglis was carried against that of Mr. Middlemiss, that of Mr. McMullen was carried against that of Mr. Inglis, and the amendment of Mr. McMullen was carried against the motion of Mr. Kemp. The yeas and nays being taken on the amendment last carried, it was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms

Deliverance. thereof—That the Report of the Committee be adopted, with the following alterations, namely, that preparatory exercises be engaged in, on Saturday evening, in this church, and that an action sermon be preached at 3 o'clock on Sabbath, in connexion with the administration of the ordinance.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Next meeting of Synod, at Cooke's Church, Toronto. The Synod proceeded to appoint the time and place for the next ordinary meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Cross, and seconded by Mr. Jas. Whyte, That the next meeting of Synod be held at Montreal, and within Cote-street Church there, on the second Tuesday in June, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. McMullen, That the Synod hold its next meeting in Cooke's Church, Toronto, on the second Tuesday of June, 1864, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided that the next meeting be held at the time and place stated therein.

Brown, Arch., application of. Reference, Presbytery of Guelph. The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Guelph, anent an application of Mr. Archibald Brown, a licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, to be received as a probationer. Extract minutes of the said Presbytery, in relation to the Reference, were read.

Mr. Brown's application, decision on. On motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. W. Fraser, it was agreed, That an application having been made by the Presbytery of Guelph, regarding the admission of Mr. Archibald Brown, who, it appeared, arrived from Scotland immediately before the meeting of Synod, and in whose case the ordinary law in regard to the admission of ministers cannot in the meantime be fully implemented, said application be remitted to said Presbytery; and if, after conference with Mr. Brown, they are satisfied with his qualifications, the Presbytery be empowered to receive him into full standing as a probationer of the Church.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
THURSDAY, *June* 4, 1863, 7½ *o'clock*, *P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer—Mr. George Cheyne, at the Moderator's request, conducting the devotions.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

CAUSES COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Causes Committee appointed. The Moderator appointed the following as the Committee on Causes, in terms of the resolutions, on this subject, adopted by the Synod in the morning: Messrs. J. Ross, W. Caven, T. Stevenson, J. Porteous, J. Laing, D. McRuer, Alex. Topp, J. B. Duncan, D. H. McVicar, J. K. Smith, ministers; Dr. Holden, Messrs. J. Parker, M. C. Lutz, W. King, W. Clark, elders—Mr. Topp, Convener.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Congregational Union, Report of, Deputation to. The Synod called for the Report of the deputation appointed, last year, to wait upon the Congregational Union. In the absence of Dr. Burns, Mr. Hugh Young, the other member of the deputation, made a verbal report, which was received.

Congregational Union, Rev. T. M. Reikie, delegate from, addressed Synod. There was read from the table, a commission to the Rev. Thos. M. Reikie, and the Rev. F. H. Marling, appointing them delegates to the Synod, from the Congregational Union of Canada. Mr. Reikie, one of the delegates, being in attendance, was introduced to the Synod, and being welcomed by the Moderator, addressed the Synod at some length, conveying, in warm terms, the cordial fraternal greetings of the Body which he represented.

Mr. Duff responded.

Mr. Duff, of Elora, at the request of the Moderator, responded to Mr. Reikie's address.

Resolution on Address.

It was then moved by Dr. Irvine, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, and unanimously agreed, That the Synod have heard with pleasure the Rev. Thomas M. Reikie, delegate from the Congregational Union of Canada; and, in recording their thanks to the deputy for his interesting and impressive address, they would reciprocate the sentiments of christian friendship expressed by the brethren of said Union, and their sincere desire that the relations between them and this church may become more close and cordial, while they continue to be be co-workers with God, and with each other, in cultivating the vineyard of the Lord, in this land; and appoint Mr. A. F. Kemp, Mr. D. H. McVicar, and Mr. James Court, to attend the next meeting of the Congregational Union, with instructions to convey their fraternal salutations to their brethren of the Congregational churches in Canada.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Mission Report read.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Report was read by Mr. R. F. Burns, the Convener.

Foreign Mission Report received. Thanks to Committee.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Cross, it was unanimously agreed, That the Report now read be received, and the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence and fidelity in dealing with the matters intrusted to their care.

Gordon, Mr. J.D., missionary, addressed Synod.

Mr. James D. Gordon, an accepted missionary of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and regularly accredited by the Board of Missions of that Church, was introduced by Mr. Burns, and addressed the Synod, giving much interesting information respecting their Foreign Mission, expressing the deep sense of gratitude entertained by them for the earnest interest taken in their Mission by the Canada Presbyterian Church, thanking the Synod, especially, for the liberal donation last year of five hundred dollars ($500), and soliciting the influence and aid of the Synod towards procuring a minister of this church, to proceed along with him (Mr. Gordon) on his proposed mission to the New Hebrides.

Nisbet, Mr. J., missionary, from Red River, addressed Synod.

Mr. James Nisbet, missionary the Red River Settlement, and to the Indians of the Hudson's Bay Territory, addressed the Synod, giving many interesting facts respecting that great country, the state of religion there generally, and especially in connection with our mission, requesting the Synod to send out another missionary, and soliciting aid for the erection of churches and school-houses, and for the procuring of Sabbath-school Libraries.

Foreign Missions Report. Committee to frame Deliverance.

It was then moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. McLaren, and agreed to, That a Committee be appointed to consider the important matters referred to in the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee, and to frame a Deliverance, to be submitted at a subsequent diet; said Committee to consist of Messrs. D. McRuer,

D. Inglis, R. F. Burns, T. Lowry, D. H. McVicar, J. Scott (London), W. Aitken and Dr. Thornton, ministers; Mr. J. Parker, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, elders. Dr. Thornton, Convener.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, at the request of the Moderator, Mr. J. M. Roger, of Peterborough, offered up prayer, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
FRIDAY, *June* 5, 1863, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; Mr. Thomas Alexander, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

EXPENSES OF SYNOD.

Expenses attending Synod, motion on.

A motion was submitted by Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. McLaren, and agreed to, of the tenor following: That it be recommended to the various congregations of this Church, to make provision to meet the expenses of ministers and elders while attending the meetings of Synod, as well as those incurred in travelling to and from the place of meeting, and that a Committee be appointed to consider how this recommendation may best be carried into effect.

Bills and Overtures, Report of Committee.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, recommending items of business to be taken up during the Sederunts of the day, and the order in which these should be considered. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

ASHBURN CASE.

Ashburn case, Report of Commission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Commission, appointed last year, on the Ashburn case.

Moderator left chair—taken by Mr. J. M. Roger.

The Moderator, who had been Convener of the Ashburn Commission, here left the chair, which, at his request, was taken by Mr. J. M. Roger.

Report read.

Memorial, &c., from Mr. Sharp.

The Report of the Commission was handed in and read. There was read also a memorial from Mr. Sharp, with reasons for protest and appeal against the Deliverance of the Synod's Commission in the case; read also the titles of several other papers in the case. At this stage of the proceedings, it was found that certain papers, regarded by Mr. Sharp as of importance, had not been transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, it was, therefore, on motion made and seconded, agreed to send back the whole of the papers to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, for their further consideration and action.

Moderator took chair.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

VOTE, RIGHT OF.

Vote, right of, reference on.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg, inquiring what parties have a right to vote in the election of Ministers and office-bearers, and at congregational meetings. Heard Mr. Laing, of Cobourg, and Mr. Lees, of Port Hope, in support of the Reference.

Vote, right of Committee to draft minute.

On motion made and seconded, the following Committee was appointed to draft a Minute on the subject of the said Reference, to be submitted at an early Sederunt, namely: Mr. Topp, Dr. Thornton, Mr. Kemp, Messrs. W. Clark and Archibald Young, Dr. Holden. Mr. Topp to be Convener.

ACT OF PARLIAMENT, SECTION 7.

Act of Parliament, 7th section. Memorials, &c.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Guelph, transmitting Resolutions of a congregational meeting of the First Congregation of Eramosa, in relation to that part of the Act of Parliament, regarding the property of the Church, which requires that congregations, before selling or mortgaging their property, should obtain the sanction of the Presbytery; together with a Memorial from Stanley-street Congregation, Ayr; as also a Memorial from the Congregation of Jarvis, and an Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario, on the same subject; all praying that the Synod would take measures to procure the repeal or modification of the seventh section of the Act referred to.

Guelph and Paris Presbyteries. Minutes read. Dr. Thornton heard.

Extract minutes of the Presbyteries of Guelph and Paris, transmitting papers, were read. Dr. Thornton was heard in support of the Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario.

Act of Parliament, motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Lowry, That the Synod having heard and considered Memorials, transmitted by Presbyteries, on the subject of Church property; and finding, from said Memorials, that several congregations object to the seventh clause of the Act of Union, requiring the sanction of the Presbytery before congregations can sell or mortgage their property, resolve that a Committee be appointed to prepare a clause, which may be substituted instead of said seventh clause of said Act, by which the objections referred to may be obviated, and to report to the Synod on Monday afternoon: the Committee to consist of Mr. Proudfoot, Mr. Kemp, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Robt. Christie.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Barrie, That the Synod send down this subject to Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations, for their consideration during the year, in order to a satisfactory decision, next June.

After reasoning for some time, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the Synod rose.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
FRIDAY, *June* 5, 1863, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; the devotions being conducted, at the request of the Moderator, by Dr. Thomson, of Galt.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Ontario Presbytery had leave to retire.

On application made by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Ontario, leave was granted to that Presbytery to retire, for a short time, during this Sederunt, for urgent business.

EXPENSES—ATTENDING SYNOD.

Expenses attending Synod, Committee on.

The Moderator here appointed the Committee, under the resolution adopted in the morning, in regard to making provision for the expenses of members of Synod in attending meetings thereof, as follows: Messrs. T. McPherson, A. Wilson, J. Ross, ministers; Mr. A. Young, of Sarnia, Mr. Alex. Smith, of London, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Mr. D. McLellan, elders. Mr. Ross, Convener.

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF, FOR PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Bills, &c. Committee, members of, appointed for Montreal Pres.

Mr. Kemp here stated that the members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, appointed by the Presbytery of Montreal, were not in attendance at this meeting, and requested the Synod to appoint a minister and an elder of said Presbytery as members of the Committee, instead of those who failed to be present. The Synod made the appointments requested, as follows, viz.: Mr. J. Anderson, Lancaster, minister, and Mr. Ross, Martintown, elder.

SUPPLY—CITY PULPITS.

Pulpits, supply of, Committee on.

The Synod appointed as a Committee to provide supply of preaching for the pulpits of the Canada Presbyterian churches, in the city of Hamilton, on the ensuing Lord's day, the ministers and representative elders of the city.

Pulpits' supply, Report of Committee.

Mr. Inglis here stated that, in regard to the appointment just made, he was prepared to report immediately. The Report was read, received, and adopted, to the following effect:

Services in Central Church on Sabbath.—Sermon in the morning at 11 o'clock, by Mr. W. Cochrane, of Brantford; at 6½ o'clock in the evening, by Mr. W. Gregg, M.A., of Toronto.

In Knox's Church.—Sermon, at 11 o'clock, A.M., by Mr. Thos. McPherson, of Stratford; and at 6½ o'clock in the evening, by Mr. Thomas Stevenson, of Owen Sound.

In McNab-street Church.—Gaelic sermon, in the morning at 9 o'clock, by Mr. N. McKinnon, Wardsville: sermon, at 11 o'clock, A.M., by Mr. Alex. Topp, M.A., of Toronto; in the evening at 6½ o'clock, by Mr. W. McLaren, of Belleville.

LORD'S SUPPER.

Lord's Supper, arrangements for

The Committee to make arrangements for the Synodical observance of the Lord's Supper gave in a Report to the following effect: Sermon, in Central Church, on Saturday, at 7½ o'clock in the evening, by Mr. Middlemiss; dispensation of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, in Central Church, on Sabbath, at 3 o'clock, P.M., the Moderator of Synod to preside; action sermon, by Mr. Duff, of Elora; addresses by Mr. McKenzie, of Zorra, and Mr. J. M. Roger, of Peterborough. The Report was received and adopted.

ACT OF PARLIAMENT—SECTION 7.

Act of Parliament, further amendment on.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Act of Parliament respecting Church property, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, of the following tenor: That, in view of the diversity of opinion and feeling, in reference to the seventh section of the Act of Parliament, anent the union of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Synod refer the whole subject to a Select Committee, to consider,

1. The actual bearing of the existing law.

2. The effect of the repeal of the seventh section of said Act.

3. Whether any checks may be necessary or desirable, to prevent the undue alienation of trust property; and,

4. What steps may be most likely to secure unanimity throughout the Church; and to report at an early sederunt of this Synod.

Act of Parliament; Decision.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. McLaren was successively preferred to the amendment of Mr. McMullen, and to the motion of Mr. Kemp. The yeas and nays being called, the said amendment was affirmed by a very large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

PRINCIPAL WILLIS—RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

Willis, Rev. Prin. Report of Com. on tender of resignation.

Resignation withdrawn.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed last year to confer with Principal Willis, respecting his proposed resignation of the office of Principal of Knox College. The Report was given in and read by the Convener, Mr. Ure; as was also a letter to the Convener from Principal Willis, withdrawing his tender of resignation.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Caven, seconded by Mr. Doak, That the diligence of the Committee, appointed to confer with Dr. Willis regarding his resignation of the Principalship of Knox College, be approved of, and that Dr. Willis' withdrawal of his resignation be accepted.

1st amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. McVicar, That the Report of the Committee, appointed by last

Synod, to confer with Principal Willis, be received, and their diligence commended; and that, in view of Principal Willis' withdrawal of his resignation, a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a suitable Deliverance on the subject.

2nd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Ball, That the Report of the Committee on the resignation of Principal Willis be received and approved, that the diligence of the Committee be commended, and that the Synod record their satisfaction in learning that Dr. Willis has agreed to withdraw his resignation.

After long reasoning, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
FRIDAY, *June* 5, 1863, 7½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; the devotions being conducted, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. Donald McKenzie, of Zorra.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. W. Ferrie invited to correspond.

On motion made and seconded, the Rev. William Ferrie, of New York, who was present, was invited to take a seat in Synod, as a corresponding member.

PRINCIPAL WILLIS—RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

Willis, Rev. Prin. resignation of, &c., resumed.

The Synod agreed to resume the business interrupted by the adjournment in the afternoon, when

3rd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish, That the Report of the Committee, appointed to confer with Principal Willis on the subject of his resignation, be received, the diligence of the members commended, and the withdrawal of this resignation accepted; it being at the same time clearly understood that the Synod, in accepting such withdrawal, by no means recedes from the position which it took upon the question of the division of the University Endowment.

4th amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. McLaren, That the Synod receive the Report of the Committee, and approve of their conduct, inasmuch as it is made apparent by this Report, now lying on the table, that they had led Principal Willis distinctly to understand that the Synod had not resiled, and could not resile, from the decision it had all but unanimously come to on the University question, in connection with which the Principal's resignation was tendered; and whereas, on other grounds, stated in the Report, the Principal has seen his way to withdraw his resignation, this Synod cordially accepts of that withdrawal.

Mr. Kemp withdraws motion.

Mr. Kemp, with the leave of Synod, withdrew the amendment which he had submitted on this question in the afternoon.

Votes.

The Synod proceeded to decide, when, votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Inglis was carried against that of Mr. King; that of Mr. Gillespie was carried against that of Mr. Inglis; and the amendment of Mr. Gillespie, being put against the original motion of Mr. Caven, was again carried. The yeas and nays being taken, the amendment of Mr. Gillespie was affirmed by a very large majority, and the Synod in terms thereof decided, that the Report on the resignation of Principal Willis be received and

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approved; that the diligence of the Committee be commended; and that the Synod record their satisfaction in learning that Dr. Willis had agreed to withdraw his resignation.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions, Report of Com.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Home Missions. The Report was read by Dr. Thornton, the Convener.

Motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. McTavish, That the Report be received and adopted.

1st amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. James Whyte, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, That the Report be received and adopted, but that, on the publication of the Report, it be intimated, that it does not propose to give a detail of the missionary operations of the several Presbyteries of the Church.

2nd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Kemp: Receive and adopt the Report, and commend the diligence of the Committee; but, inasmuch as this Report does not embrace the mission work undertaken by Presbyteries, distinct from that which comes legitimately before the Central Home Mission Committee, instruct Presbyteries to forward, within six weeks from this date, special Reports of their Home Mission proceedings for the past year, to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Thornton (Convener), Mr. McTavish, and Mr. Baird; that from such reports a full statement of the Home Mission work may, by said Committee, be prepared and presented to the Church, through the *Record*, on as early a day as possible: Further, the Synod express their sincere thanks to the sister Church in Ireland, for their liberal grant for Home Mission purposes in Canada, and instruct the Moderator to communicate said thanks, with a suitable letter, to the Chairman of their Mission Board.

First motion withdrawn.

Mr. Aitken had leave to withdraw his motion, the amendment of Mr. Whyte thus becoming the motion.

Decision on Home Mission Report.

A vote was taken between the motion and the amendment of Mr. Inglis, when the amendment was carried by a large majority; and the yeas and nays being called thereon, it was adopted unanimously, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

BUXTON MISSION.

Buxton Mission, Report on.

The Synod called for the Report on the Buxton Mission. The Report was read by Mr. W. King.

Finances, Buxton Mission, Report.

Mr. John Scott, of London, the convener of the Committee on the Finances of the same mission, gave in a Report.

Committee on Buxton Mission Building Fund.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball, it was agreed, That the Report on the Finances of the Buxton Mission be received, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. McLaren, Doak, J. Scott (London), A. Wilson, J. Laing, and the Hon. J. McMurrich, with instructions to inquire into the disbursements made from the Building Fund, and report a Deliverance at an early sederunt of this Synod.

The Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

SATURDAY, *June* 6, 1863, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; Dr. Thornton, at the request of the Moderator, conducting the devotions.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Bills and Overtures, Report of Committee.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, recommending the order of business. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

ASHBURN CASE.

Ashburn; Report of Commission resumed.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Commission of Synod, appointed last year, on the Ashburn case, delayed yesterday morning for the reason that certain papers, regarded by Mr. Sharp as relative and of importance, had not been transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Moderator left chair—taken by Mr. Ure.

The Moderator here left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Ure, the last Moderator.

Papers of Mr. Sharp read.

There were read sixteen papers, and a tenth supplementary paper, from Mr. Sharp, in relation to the Report of the Synod's Commission in the Ashburn case.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Burns, That the Report of the Commission, and the Memorial of Mr. Sharp, complaining of the action of the Commission, and other papers read, be referred to the Committee on Causes; that the Committee be empowered to call for parties and papers, and instructed to report at a future diet.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Ross, and seconded, That the parties be summoned to the bar of the Synod.

Decision. Case referred.

On a vote being taken, the motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

ASHBURN—MR. SHARP AND PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

Mr. Sharp in appeal from Ontario Pres.

The Synod took up a protest and appeal of Mr. Thomas Sharp, against the legality of a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Ontario, of date November 18th, last year; also an appeal of Mr. Sharp against the action of the Presbytery of Ontario, discontinuing the sessional powers of dissentient elders at Ashburn; also an appeal of Mr. Sharp, against a deed of the Presbytery of Ontario, in conferring sessional powers on dissentient elders at Ashburn.

Parties appeared.

Parties were called, and appeared.

Papers read.

Mr. Sharp's reasons of appeal, in the several cases, with the answers of the Presbytery to those reasons, were read; as were also extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery, in relation to the several cases in question.

Motion of Mr. Kemp.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, That the first appeal, regarding the legality of the meeting of Presbytery, of 18th November, be now heard; and that the remaining appeals against the decisions of Presbytery in the Ashburn case be remitted to the Committee on Causes, to be considered in connection with the case already in their hands.

Amendment of Mr. Ross.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Melville, That the whole of the appeal papers just read, be sent to the Committee on Causes.

Appeals referred.

On a vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Ross was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided accordingly.

Moderator took chair.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

ILLINOIS, CONGREGATION IN, APPLICATION OF.

Illinois, application of congregation in. Reference, Paris Church.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Paris, regarding an application from a congregation in the State of Illinois, requesting to be received into connection with this Church.

Mr. Gillespie supports Reference.

Mr. Gillespie was heard, on behalf of the Presbytery, in support of the Reference.

Decision, Illinois application.

On motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, it was agreed, That the Synod, whilst sympathizing with the petitioners, in the circumstances in which they are placed; yet, having no sufficient reasons presented to them, why the Church should go beyond the bounds of this country in the present case, to take the superintendence of any congregation, decline to entertain the application.

RECORDS—FORMER PRESBYTERIES.

Records of former Presbyteries, Overtures on.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario, in relation to Records of Presbyteries, of the former bodies constituting this Church, setting forth the expediency of adopting measures by which those Records may be preserved, and rendered easily accessible.

Overture supported by Mr. Monteath.

The Overture was supported, on behalf of the Presbytery, by Mr. Monteath; whereupon

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, That the Overture be received, and that the Records of the Presbyteries of the former Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the United Presbyterian Church, be deposited in Knox College, under the care of the Clerks of Synod, with the exception of the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Brockville, Ottawa, Cobourg, Kingston and Huron, which shall remain in the hands of the Clerks of these Presbyteries.

1st amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. McRuer, That the parties in whose hands are the Records of the Presbyteries of the late Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the late United Presbyterian Church in Canada, be required to report them at next meeting of Synod, with a view to their final disposal.

2nd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Coutts, That the Records in question be deposited at the head-quarters of the old Presbyteries, and under the care of the Presbytery Clerks.

Decision. Mr. McMullen's amendment.

Votes were called, when the amendment of Mr. McMullen was preferred to that of Mr. McLaren, and to the motion of Mr. Burns. The yeas and nays being taken, the amendment of Mr. McMullen was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

Closed with the benediction.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

MONDAY, *June* 8, 1863, 10 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; the devotions being conducted by Mr. Topp, and having, at the suggestion of the Moderator, especial reference to the goodness of God in his providence, in respect to the season of the year, and in regard to the peace and prosperity which we as a people enjoy.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

McPherson, Mr. L. on Roll, &c., referred to Com. on Commissions.

The question respecting the name of Mr. Lachlan McPherson still remaining on the Roll of the Presbytery of London, proposed at the first Sederunt, was again brought up.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, That the case of Mr. McPherson, of Williams, be remitted to the Committee on

the Commissions of Elders, to consider, and report to the Synod at a future diet.

Convener of Commissions Committee, Mr. Gillespie appointed.

In the absence of Mr. Smellie, the Convener of the Committee on Commissions, Mr. Gillespie was appointed the Convener of said Committee.

Reception of Ministers Committee permitted to retire.

On application made, leave was granted to the Committee on the Reception of Ministers to retire for business for some time during this Sederunt.

Lord's Supper, appointment to draft minute.

The Synod appointed the Moderator and Clerks, to draw up a Minute, to be placed on the Record, with reference to the observance of the Lord's Supper, on the past Sabbath.

Bills and Overtures Report.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report recommending the order of business. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES—REPORTS.

Records of Presbyteries, Reports on, in part.

The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries and of the Synod. Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Ottawa, Cobourg, Grey, Brockville, Toronto, Ontario, Paris and Guelph, certifying that the Minutes of those Presbyteries had been carefully and correctly kept. The Synod received and adopted the Reports on the several Records, and ordered that those Records be attested in terms of said Reports.

Order on remaining records.

The Synod ordered that the Reports on the Records of the remaining Presbyteries, and on the Synod Records, be made at an early diet.

Dr. Blackwood invited to correspond.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwood, of Philadelphia, being present, was, on motion made and seconded, invited to take his seat in Synod, as a corresponding member.

PARIS CASE.

Complaint of Mr. Caw.

The Synod took up a dissent and complaint of Mr. David Caw, minister of Dumfries-street congregation, Paris, against a deed of the Presbytery of Paris, in ordering the Session of said congregation to grant a certificate of Church-membership.

Deferred.

Mr. Caw having stated that one of the parties, whose presence was material, was not in attendance, the Synod agreed to defer consideration of this case in the meantime.

ST. MARY'S CASE.

St. Mary's case. Reference from Stratford Pres.

There was read and received a Reference from the Presbytery of Stratford, in relation to the case of Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's, in the matter of arrears of stipend, due by that congregation to Mr. David Beattie, and concerning which the Synod gave a deliverance last year.

Reference explained by Mr. Doak.

Mr. Doak was heard on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford, in explanation of the Reference.

Motion on.

Moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, as follows: Sustain the Reference; approve of the action of the Presbytery; and, considering that it is not for edification that this case should remain any longer in its present unsettled condition, considering also that it appears impracticable further to prosecute the same, resolve, that the whole case be now dismissed, and the Sessions of the Churches to which the members of the late Chalmers Church, St. Mary's, may apply for admission, be allowed to receive them, on being satisfied of their fitness, irrespective of the case in question.

1st amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. K. Smith, seconded by Dr. Irvine: Sustain the Reference from the Presbytery of Stratford; reaffirm the finding of the last meeting of Synod touching the moral obligation of the St. Mary's Church to pay arrears of salary due to Mr. Beattie, and instruct the Presbytery of Stratford to deal with defaulting parties in the case according to the laws of the Church.

2nd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson: Sustain the Reference; approve of the Presbytery's diligence; redeclare, in terms of the Deliverance last year, the Synod's conviction that the arrears in question are morally due to Mr. Beattie; but, considering the peculiar complications of the case, and especially the disorganized circumstances of the congregation as a body, and the impossibility of defining the proportional duties of individuals, while remitting the case to the Presbytery for further affectionate dealing, in carrying out the Deliverance of the Synod, direct them, *quoad ultra*, to rest in the solemn declaration of individuals, applying for privileges, that they have not failed in implementing their part of the obligation, according to their understanding of the arrangement.

3rd amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. J. Scott (London), seconded by Mr. Coutts: Sustain the Reference; approve the conduct of the Presbytery; reaffirm the principle of moral obligation; and declare that, inasmuch as the congregation is in a disorganized state, and has virtually ceased to exist, the Synod find that it is impracticable further to deal with this matter as a congregational liability, and instruct the Presbytery of Stratford to grant certificates to former members of Chalmers' Church who, in the judgment of the Presbytery, have done their duty in this matter.

3rd amendment carried.

On calling votes, the amendment of Mr. Scott was successively carried, by considerable majorities, over the other amendments and the original motion; and the yeas and nays being called thereon, the said amendment was affirmed by a very large majority, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Dissent, Mr. Kemp and Prof. Young.

Mr. Kemp craved leave, for himself and all who might join with him, to have his dissent from the decision marked on the minutes. Leave was granted, and the dissent marked. Professor Young joined in the dissent.

The hour of adjournment having come, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the diet closed.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
MONDAY, *June* 8, 1863, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; Mr. Middlemiss, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. L. McPherson's position on Roll, &c., Report on, adopted.

The Committee on Commissions, to whom was referred the question as to Mr. Lachlan McPherson's name remaining on the Roll of London Presbytery, gave in a Report, which was received and adopted, to the following effect: The Committee on Commissions and Roll of Synod beg leave to report, that after consultation with the deputation from the Presbytery of London to Williams, they recommend that the name of Mr. McPherson be allowed to remain on the Roll of Synod in the meantime, and that any further action which may be necessary in this case be referred to the Presbytery of London.

LORD'S SUPPER, MINUTE ON.

Lord's Supper, draft Minute on, adopted.

The Committee intrusted in the morning with drafting a Minute, to be placed on the Synod's Record, with regard to the Synodical observance of the Lord's Supper, gave in a draft Minute, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered, to the following effect: The Synod desire to place on record an expression of satisfaction with the arrangements, carried out in so orderly a manner, on the past Lord's day, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper in this church, and their heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for any tokens of his gracious presence, and any measure of spiritual comfort and edification experienced by those who waited on the ordinance; and agree that, in the devotional exercises, at the opening of the Synod this evening, special reference be made to this matter.

WIDOWS' FUND.

Widows' Fund, Report of Committee read and received, &c.

The Report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was handed in and read. On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to receive the Report, express thanks to the Committee for their diligence, and declare satisfaction with the prosperous state of Fund.

WIDOW'S FUND, SPECIAL.

Widows' Fund, Report of Special Committee.

Report received, &c.

The Report of the Special Committee on the contribution required to be made to the Widows' Fund by the congregations of the late United Presbyterian Church, was given in and read by Dr. Ormiston, the Convener. On motion made and seconded, the Synod received the Report, and tendered thanks to the Committee for their diligence.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Report on, received.

The Report of the Committee on the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers was handed in and read by Mr. McTavish, the Convener. On motion made and seconded, the Report was received.

BENEFICIARIES.

$100 granted to Mr. Young, of Brantford.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Principal Willis, the Synod agreed, That in regard to the case of Mr. Young, of Brantford, mentioned in the Report, regulation No. 2, for the management of this Fund, be suspended, and that the Committee be authorized to grant to Mr. Young the sum of $100 per annum out of said Fund.

Dr. Cairns, motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, That, in consideration of his age and long services, and exceptional circumstances in his case, the sum of $50 per annum be granted to Dr. Cairns, from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball: Remit the case of Dr. Cairns to the Committee, and instruct them to make careful inquiry into the circumstances, and act according to their judgment.

$50 granted to Dr. Cairns.

On a division, the motion of Mr. Kemp was carried against the amendment, and, being again put to the house, was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

RETURNS TO REMITS ON REGULATIONS—A. & I. M. FUND.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Returns to Remits, &c., on Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, it was agreed, That the Returns from Presbyteries to the Remit on the Regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be handed over to the Committee, to be by them examined, and that they bring up a Report thereon at a future diet.

HOME MISSIONS—REGULATIONS.

Home Missions, Regulations and Overtures.

The Synod took up the Regulations on Home Missions, in connection with an Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg; as also an Overture from the Presbytery of Kingston, on the same subject. The Overtures and the *interim* Regulations on Home Missions were read.

Overtures supported by Messrs. Laing and McLaren.

Mr. Laing was heard in support of the Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg. Heard Mr. McLaren in support of the Overture from the Presbytery of Kingston.

Home Missions, Committee to draft Scheme for.

On motion of Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was agreed, That a small Committee be appointed, to consider and report upon the *interim* Rules, now under consideration, and also upon the Remits and Overtures from Presbyteries bearing upon the case; said Report to present some specific and practicable scheme for the efficient working of the whole Mission field;—the Committee to consist of Messrs. Topp, W. Inglis, W. McLaren, J. Laing, Dr. Thornton, Mr. Proudfoot. Mr. Topp, Convener.

DOON AND HESPELER CASE.

Doon and Hespeler case.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Guelph, requesting the consideration, now, of an appeal of the congregation of Doon and Hespeler, against a decision of said Presbytery, in the matter of a claim of Mr. T. I. Hodgskin, for arrears of

stipend, and which appeal was dismissed last year on account of the absence of Mr. Hodgskin and the congregation; as also a Memorial on the same subject from said congregation, transmitted by the Presbytery.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the Synod rose.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
MONDAY, *June* 8, 1863, 7½ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted; Mr. Caw, at the request of the Moderator, conducting the devotions.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS—REPORTS.

Presbytery Records, Reports on.

Reports were given in from the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Kingston and Huron, setting forth that these Records had been carefully kept. The Reports were received, and the Synod ordered the said Records to be attested in the usual form.

Committee on Causes retire.

The Committee on Causes, on leave asked, were permitted to retire for business, for some time, during this Sederunt.

FORM OF PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Records of Presbyteries, Committee to consider form of.

On motion of Mr. Monteath, which was duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed, That a small Committee be appointed to consider and report as to what points of form should be observed by Presbytery Clerks, in recording the transactions of their several Presbyteries, with a view that something like uniformity may be observed in keeping the Presbytery Records.

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT.

University endowment, Report on.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee, appointed last year, to watch over any proposed legislation which might have for its object the appropriation of the funds of the University of Toronto, or of other public funds, for the endowment of denominational Colleges in Canada West. A verbal Report was given in by Mr. Kemp, the Convener.

Overture on Education, Presbytery of Cobourg.

Mr. Laing heard.

The Synod agreed to take up, in connection with the foregoing, an Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg on the subject of public instruction, setting forth the dangers to which the system of non-sectarian education in the Province is exposed, and requesting the Synod to adopt measures to guide our people in this matter. Mr. Laing was heard in support of the Overture.

University endowment, Deliverance on.

On motion of Mr. Ure, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, it was unanimously agreed, That the Report of the Committee anent the

matter of the University endowment be received, and that a Committee be appointed to watch over any legislative action that may be taken on the subject, and that said Committee be authorized to petition against any attempt that may be made to interfere with the endowment of our Provincial University, or to foster further, by the aid of other public funds, denominational institutions.

Overture of Cobourg Presb'y Deliverance on.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, the Synod unanimously agreed, That the Overture of the Presbytery of Cobourg be received, and cordially approved of; and that, in regard to the practical action contemplated therein, the Synod regards it as substantially covered by the resolution come to on the subject of University education.

University Endowment Com.

The Committee to watch over any proposed legislation on the division of the University endowment, of last year, were reappointed, with the addition of Professor Young. The Committee will then be composed as follows: Messrs. A. Topp, D. Inglis, J. Laing, J. K. Smith, A. Kennedy, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Dr. Agnew, Prof. Young. Mr. Laing to be Convener.

COLLEGE BOARD REPORT.

Knox College, Report of Board.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The Report was read by the Chairman, Mr. R. Ure, and embodied the Report of the Senate; a statement of the amounts contributed by the several Presbyteries to the ordinary Fund; the contributions to, and the disbursements from, the Bursary Fund; the expenditure on the Library; as also a statement of the satisfactory management of the College Boarding-house, during the last year. The Report closed with several recommendations as to the best means for effectively sustaining all the interests of the institution.

Theological Education Committee Report.

There was read, in connection with the above, the Report of the Special Committee on Theological Education (see printed Minutes, 1862, p. 46); as also an Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario, relating to the examination of students preparing for the ministry.

Overture, Ontario Presbytery. Dnox College, Keliverance on Report.

After reasoning, on motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, the Synod resolved, That the Report of the College Board be received, its recommendations adopted, and that it be printed as an appendix to the Minutes; and, with the view of meeting the great deficiency in the income of the ordinary College Fund, the Synod instruct the Board to prepare and remit to Presbyteries a statement of the amount which they may be expected to contribute within their respective bounds; in the preparation of such statement having regard to the numbers and circumstances of the congregations concerned; and instruct Presbyteries to transmit a similar statement to Kirk Sessions, and to visit, by deputation, any congregation which may not be doing their duty towards the Fund. Further, that the last week of February be appointed as the time, on or before which all contributions shall be remitted; at the same time that congregations

who can do so be urged to remit the money as much earlier as possible.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the diet was closed.

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

TUESDAY, *June 9*, 1863, 10 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; Mr. D. Inglis, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

KNOX COLLEGE, PRAYER FOR.

Knox College, prayer for.

As the suggestion of Mr. Reid, Clerk of Synod, it was agreed unanimously to recommend, like as the Synod did and do hereby recommend, that on the first Sabbath of October next, special prayer be offered in all the congregations of the Church, on behalf of Knox College.

Bills and Overtures Report.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, recommending the order of business. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

Dr. Burns, letter from.

The Moderator here read a letter from Dr. Burns, excusing his absence from the Synod. The Synod agreed to sustain the excuse of Dr. Burns, and to express sympathy with him in regard to the reasons assigned for his absence.

LOYAL ADDRESSES.

Loyal Addresses, &c., Report on, remitted to Com.

The Committee appointed at the second Sederunt, to draft Addresses to the Queen, and to the Prince and Princess of Wales, submitted drafts of such Addresses. After reasoning, the draft Addresses were remitted to the Committee, with instructions to make certain emendations, and to bring up their Report again to-morrow morning.

PARIS CASE.

Complaint, Mr. D. Caw.

The Synod took up again the dissent and complaint of Mr. D. Caw, against a deed of the Presbytery of Paris, ordering the Session of the Dumfries-street congregation, Paris, to grant a certificate of Church-membership.

Parties appeared.

The parties were called, and appeared—Mr. Caw for himself; Mr. McVicar for the Session, and Messrs. Gillespie, Dunbar and Cochrane for the Presbytery of Paris.

Papers read.

The papers in the case were read.

Parties heard.

Mr. Caw was heard; Mr. McVicar was heard.

Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Dunbar were heard, on behalf of the Presbytery of Paris.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced, and the diet closed.

SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

TUESDAY, *June* 9, 1863, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; Mr. Fraser, elder, from Proof Line, London, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

PARIS CASE.

Paris case. Complaint of Mr. Caw.

On motion of Mr. Smellie, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to proceed now with the Paris case, not finished in the forenoon.

Parties waived right of address and reply.

Mr. Gillespie, the remaining representative from the Presbytery of Paris, waived his right to address the Synod; and the complainant, Mr. Caw, waived his right to reply.

Questions were put to the parties, and were answered.

Parties were removed.

The Synod proceeded to deliberate and give judgment.

Motion. Mr. Proudfoot.

It was moved by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Smellie, That the dissent and complaint be dismissed, and the case remitted to the Presbytery; and that they shall give Mr. Taylor a certificate of Church-membership, if they shall see cause.

Mr. Scott's amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Scott (London), seconded by Mr. T. McPherson: Dismiss the dissent and complaint, and confirm the action of the Presbytery, in so far as it declares that there was no ground why Mr. Taylor should be refused a certificate of Church-membership, and instruct the Presbytery to furnish Mr. Taylor with the certificate to which he is entitled.

Amendment, Principal Willis.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson: Dismiss the dissent and complaint; sustain the decision of the Presbytery so far as it finds no sufficient ground for the refusal of a certificate; but, having regard to the importance of allaying exasperated feeling between parties, direct the Presbytery, by a delegation of its members, to meet with the Session and Mr. Taylor, but on his still persisting in leaving the congregation of Dumfries-street, Paris, appoint a certificate to be given him, either by the Session or the delegates.

Decision; Mr. Scott's amendment.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Scott was carried against the amendment of Principal Willis and the original

motion; and the yeas and nays being called, the amendment of Mr. Scott was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof: Dismiss the dissent and complaint, and confirm the action of the Presbytery in so far as it declares that there was no ground why Mr. Taylor should be refused a certificate of Church-membership, and instruct the Presbytery to furnish Mr. Taylor with the certificate to which he is entitled.

Parties were called, and the decision was announced to them.

HAMILTON CASES.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to proceed with the cases from Knox's Church, Hamilton, not overtaken in the morning.

Appeal, Kennedy and Galbraith.

The Synod then took up a protest and appeal of Mr. Wilson Kennedy and Mr. David Galbraith, against a deed of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in the case of a libel against Mr. Jas. Walker.

2nd appeal, Kennedy and Galbraith.

The Synod took up next a protest and appeal of Messrs. W. Kennedy and D. Galbraith, in the matter of the election of Elders in Knox's Church, Hamilton.

Appeals withdrawn.

Mr. Wilson Kennedy here appeared, and said that as one of the parties to these appeals, for himself and for and with the consent of Mr. Galbraith, he asked leave, for reasons, to withdraw the appeals. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, That Messrs. Kennedy and Galbraith be allowed to withdraw their appeals. The appeals were accordingly withdrawn.

Protestation, Hamilton Pres., that appeals fallen from.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton, on behalf of said Presbytery, took protestation that the appeals in the cases aforenamed were fallen from, and craved extracts, which were granted.

Appeal, Kennedy, Galbraith and McDonald, withdrawn.

The Synod next took up a protest and appeal of W. Kennedy, D. Galbraith and H. R. McDonald, against a deed of the Presbytery of Hamilton, sustaining the action of the Session of Knox's Church, Hamilton, in refusing to cut off certain parties from Church-membership.

Mr. W. Kennedy asked leave, for reasons, to withdraw this appeal. The Synod granted leave as requested, and the appeal was withdrawn.

Protestation, Hamilton Presbytery.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton took protestation that the appeal in the case last named was fallen from, and craved extracts, which were granted.

DR. IRVINE'S APPEAL.

Appeal of Dr. Irvine.

The Synod took up a protest and appeal of Dr. Irvine, against action of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in deciding to hear parties in the case of the memorial of Mr. James Walker.

Dr. Irvine appeared. The Presbytery of Hamilton appeared.

The papers in the case were read.

Dr. Irvine was heard in support of his appeal.

Mr. D. Inglis was heard on behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, till the hour of adjournment.

The diet of Synod was closed with the benediction.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
TUESDAY, *June* 9, 1863, 7½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted; Mr. Thomas Lowry, at the request of the Moderator, leading the devotions.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Order of business, motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Gregg, and duly seconded, That the Synod now proceed with consideration of the business recommended by the Committee of Bills and Overtures to be taken up this evening.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, and duly seconded, That the Synod proceed with the consideration of Dr. Irvine's appeal, interrupted by the adjournment in the afternoon.

Decision.

On the calling of a vote, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod agreed to proceed with the business interrupted by the adjournment.

DR. IRVINE'S APPEAL.

Appeal, Dr. Irvine.

Mr. D. Inglis was further heard, on behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton. Dr. Ormiston was heard on behalf of the Presbytery.

Dr. Irvine was heard in reply.

Questions were put to the parties, and were answered.

Parties were removed.

The Synod proceeded to deliberate and give judgment.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Watson, as follows: While giving all credit to the Presbytery for good intentions, nevertheless sustain the dissent and complaint, reverse the decision of the Presbytery, and direct them to instruct the party to bring the case in regular form, if he wishes it, before the Court of primary resort; declare that the citations in this case are irregular, inasmuch as they do not specify the cause and purpose, on account of which said parties were cited.

Motion to adjourn lost.

After reasoning, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod, on motion made and duly seconded, resolved not then to adjourn, but to proceed with the case.

1st amendment. Dr. Irvine's appeal.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. McTavish, That seeing there was a Session in Knox's Church,

and it has been acknowledged by the Moderator of that Session that the memorial of Mr. James Walker had been handed to him, and addressed to the Moderator and Session, such memorial ought to have been considered by them, and a deliverance given thereon. Further, seeing that such action was not taken by the Session, but that, on the contrary, the memorial was returned to the memorialist by the Moderator through his kirk-officer, dismiss the protest and complaint, and sustain the action of the Presbytery, except in so far as regards the form and character of the citation, which the Synod considers irregular and uncalled for; and also the citation of the Kirk Session, against whom the record does not bear that the memorial brings any complaint.

2nd amendment. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. McLaren: Dismiss the appeal, so far as the entertaining of the memorial by the Presbytery is concerned; but with regard to the subsequent steps taken by the Presbytery, in seeking information by treating the congregation and Session of Knox's Church as parties, and citing them to the bar of the Presbytery without specifying in what capacity they were to appear, or on what matter they were to be examined, find their course so far irregular; sustain the protest and appeal to this extent, and send back the matter to the Presbytery, to proceed according to the laws of the Church.

Decision—last amendment. A vote was called between the amendment of Mr. Inglis and that of Mr. Topp, when that of Mr. Inglis was carried. Another vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. Inglis and the original motion, when the said amendment was again carried; and the yeas and nays being taken thereon, it was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Dissent. Mr. Kemp, for himself and all who might join him therein, craved leave to enter his dissent from the foregoing deliverance, and craved extracts. Leave to dissent and extracts were granted.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

WEDNESDAY, *June* 10, 1863, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; Mr. McTavish conducting the devotions, and, at the suggestion of the Moderator, supplicating especially the influences of the Holy Spirit to lead the members of Synod into all truth.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

DR. IRVINE'S APPEAL.

Hamilton Presbytery craved extracts. The Hamilton Presbytery craved extracts of the decision of Synod in the case of Dr. Irvine's complaint, disposed of last night. The extracts were ordered to be granted.

Dissents. Application was here made by Mr. Duncan McDiarmid, of Woodstock, Mr. Andrew Wilson, of Kingston, and Mr. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, for leave to enter their dissent from the deliverance come to by the Synod last night, in the matter of the complaint of Dr. Irvine. The application of the forenamed ministers was granted, and they were permitted to have their dissent marked, as requested.

Hamilton Presbytery refused leave to retire. The Presbytery of Hamilton here asked leave to retire for the transaction of business, during the present sederunt of the Synod. On motion made and seconded, the Synod declined to grant the request of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS—REPORTS.

Records of Presbyteries, Reports on. The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Stratford, Montreal and London, handed in Reports, setting forth that those Records were accurately kept. The Synod received the Reports, as above, and ordered the Records of the aforenamed Presbyteries to be attested, in terms of the several Reports.

SYNOD RECORDS—REPORT.

Records of Synod, Reports on. The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod gave in a Report, setting forth that the Records were correctly kept. The Report was received, and the Records were ordered to be attested.

Bills Committee Report. The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, recommending the order of business for the day. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

Mr. Nisbet addressed Synod. Mr. Nisbet, missionary, from Red River, addressed the Synod on the subject of a mission to the Indians of the Hudson's Bay Territory.

DOON AND HESPELER CASE.

Doon & Hespeler case. The Synod took up again the Reference from the Presbytery of Guelph, in the matter of arrears of stipend claimed by Mr. Thos. I. Hodgskin, from the congregation of Doon and Hespeler, and of an appeal of the said congregation against a deed of said Presbytery in the case, the consideration of which matters was interrupted by the adjournment of Synod on Monday afternoon.

Minutes, Presbytery of Guelph, read. Mr. Middlemiss, the Clerk of the Presbytery of Guelph, with the permission of Synod, read from the original Records, the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case.

Mr. D. Inglis heard. Mr. David Inglis was heard on behalf of the congregation of Doon and Hespeler. Parties were removed.

Motion. It was moved by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. Gillespie: Sustain the Reference, and reverse the decision of the Presbytery of

Guelph declaring that thirty dollars were due to Mr. T. I. Hodgskin as arrears of stipend by the Hespeler congregation.

Amendment. It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Caven, seconded by Mr. Ross, That in regard to the protest and appeal of the Hespeler section of the congregation of Doon and Hespeler, the Synod dismiss the protest and appeal, find that the congregation are under obligation to discharge the claim of Mr. Hodgskin for stipend, and instruct the Presbytery to take proper steps to have this claim discharged.

Decision—original motion. A vote was called, when the motion of Mr. McRuer was carried; and the yeas and nays being taken thereon, it was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod decided accordingly.

ASHBURN CASE—REPORT, CAUSES COMMITTEE.

Ashburn case; Causes Com. Report. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Causes. The Report on the Ashburn case was handed in.

Moderator left chair. The Moderator here left the chair, and the same was taken by Mr. Ure, the former Moderator.

Motion to call parties negatived A motion was proposed by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Ross, to the effect, That before reading the Report on Causes, the parties in the Ashburn case should be called. On the motion being put to the house, it was negatived, and the Synod agreed to hear the Report.

Causes—Report read. The Report of the Committee on Causes—having relation to Mr. T. Sharp's appeal from the action of the Commission in the Ashburn case, last year, and also to appeals from deeds of the Presbytery of Ontario—was read by Mr. Topp, the Convener.

Report received; parties called. On motion made and duly seconded, the Report was received, and the parties were called.

Right of address waived. Mr. Gillespie, on behalf of the Commission, appointed last year, on the Ashburn case, waived the right of addressing the Synod on the subject of the Report just read. Mr. Sharp waived his right of addressing the Synod.

Right of address reserved. Mr. Barclay, elder, from the congregation of Ashburn and Utica, reserved his right of addressing the Synod on the subject matter of the Report, at a subsequent stage of the proceedings.

Motion on Report It was then moved by Mr. J. Scott, of London, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, That the Synod approve the diligence of the Committee; that the Report now read be received and adopted; and that the Synod declare in terms of the Deliverance recommended in the Report.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the benediction.

NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
WEDNESDAY, *June* 10, 1863, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer, the devotions being led by Principal Willis, the Moderator having suggested, as a subject of special thanksgiving, that, with the exception o one aged Father, we are all alive, and here present before God.

The minutes were read and sustained.

Bills, &c, Report. Overture on Thanksgiving Day. The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, transmitting an Overture from Principal Willis, Mr. Doak and Mr. Lowry, on a Day of Thanksgiving, and recommending that the Synod take up the Overture and dispose of it.

Report received and adopted. The Synod received the Report of the Committee, and adopted its recommendation.

Overture approved. Resolution. The Overture was received and approved, and it was agreed in terms thereof, That the Synod, impressed with the duty of recognizing the God of Providence, appoint, prospectively, exercises of Thanksgiving to the bountiful Giver of all good, for the fruits of the field; empower the Moderator, when it shall appear seasonable, to call on the congregations of this Church to engage in such exercises, or to aid, by correspondence with others concerned, in securing a general recognition, by the community of the good hand of God.

ASHBURN CASE.

Ashburn case, agreed to proceed with. On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed, That, instead of now taking up the business on the docket for the present Sederunt, they proceed with the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Causes, in the Ashburn case, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

1st amendment. An amendment to the motion submitted in the morning by Mr. Scott was here moved by Principal Willis, and seconded by Mr. David Gordon, of the following tenor: That the Synod receive the Report of the Committee; approve its careful digest of a very complicated case; accept, in conformity with its suggestions, the resignation tendered in so becoming a spirit by the Minister of Ashburn and Utica;—and the Synod, impressed with the importance, to the reorganization of the Church in these localities, of a united and harmonious Session, remit to the Presbytery to confer affectionately with the elders, as to whether the would resign the exercise of their office, at the time when Mr. Sharp's resignation is to take effect—it being understood that they shall, severally, retain their general standing as elders of the Church, and be open for reëlection in the congregation; authorize the Presbytery to accept the resignation of all or any if offered, and direct them in any case to secure by all regular means that there be a sufficient Session in the oversight of the flock; and, by appeals to the consciences of

all parties, to impress the duty of Christian concord and hearty coöperation in the cause of religion.

Moderator left chair, &c. The Moderator here left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Ure, the former Moderator.

Mr. Heron heard. Mr. W. Heron, a party interested in the Ashburn and Utica case, was heard very briefly.

2nd amendment. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, as follows: Approve the diligence of the Committee, and adopt the recommendations of the Report, except in so far as the elders of the Session of Ashburn and Utica are concerned; and, as respects the elders of the Ashburn and Utica Session, this Synod earnestly recommend, as essential to the welfare and peace of the congregations, to resign their office, and remit to the Presbytery of Ontario to deal with them to this end; and empower said Presbytery, should they find it for edification, to remove, as a last resort, said elders from office, any appeals to the contrary notwithstanding; and the elders of said Session, so resigning or removed, shall be deemed elders of this Church, eligible for reëlection.

Votes. Deliverance. The Synod proceeded to give deliverance. A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. McLaren and that of Principal Willis, when that of Mr. McLaren was carried. A second vote was taken, between the amendment of Mr. McLaren and the original motion of Mr. Scott, when the motion was carried; and the yeas and nays being called thereon, it was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod did and do decide in terms of the said motion, That the Synod approve of the diligence of the Committee, that the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the Synod declare in terms of the deliverance recommended in the Report, of the tenor following:

Deliverance. Ashburn case. 1. That the conduct of the Commission, in declaring the action of the Session at Ashburn in excommunicating and suspending the dissentients null and void, be sustained.

2. That the complaint of Mr. Sharp against the action of the Commission be sustained, inasmuch as sessional powers were conferred on the dissentient elders, while the dissentient party were not erected into a separate congregation.

3. That the appeal of Mr. Sharp against the legality of the *pro re nata* meeting be dismissed.

4. That the second and third appeals be sustained only in so far as they are to be regarded as the following out by Mr. Sharp of his complaint, already laid before the Commission.

5. That, Mr. Sharp having tendered the resignation of his charge—the resignation to take effect on the last day of October ensuing—the resignation be accepted, in terms, by the Synod.

6. That, in view of the resignation of Mr. Sharp, and believing that the peace and welfare of the congregations at Ashburn

and Utica require it, the elders now constituting the Session at Ashburn and Utica, including the dissentient elders, be removed from office, it being declared that they are still elders of the Church, and eligible for reëlection.

7. That the Presbytery of Ontario be instructed to provide for these congregations, as in the case of a congregation without a session; and further, to employ all such legitimate and kindly measures as they may deem necessary, in accordance with the laws of the Church, to restore unity and harmony in the congregation.

DISSENTS.

Dissents. Mr. Archibald Young, of Sarnia, craved leave to enter his dissent from the decision, in so far as it respects the elders of Ashburn and Utica. Leave was granted.

Mr. G. Smellie, Principal Willis, and Mr. A. Wilson, craved leave to enter their dissent from the decision, for reasons to be given in. Leave was granted.

Leave to mark their dissent from the decision was also craved by Messrs. T. McPherson, A. Tolmie, D. Gordon, D. Walker, R. Scott, W. Gregg, A. Melville, and J. Brown. Leave was granted to the several applicants, as above.

Decision announced to parties. Parties were recalled, and the decision was announced to them.

LOCHIEL CASE—APPEAL—MR. D. CAMERON.

Appeal, Mr. D. Cameron. The Synod took up a protest and appeal of Mr. D. Cameron, against a deed of the Presbytery of Montreal, in reversing a decision of the Session of the congregation of Lochiel, in the matter of Mr. Malcolm McGillivray's application for a certificate of Church-membership.

Parties. Parties were called. Mr. Cameron appeared for himself, Messrs. Kemp and Watson for the Presbytery of Montreal, and Mr. D. McVicar for Mr. McGillivray.

Papers read. The papers in the case were read.

Mr. Cameron heard. Mr. Cameron was heard in support of his appeal, till the hour of adjournment.

The benediction was pronounced, and the diet closed.

TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

WEDNESDAY, *June* 10, 1863, 7½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted; the devotions being conducted, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. R. Ure.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

MR. CHINIQUY'S APPLICATION.

Mr. Chiniquy's case—Report of Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to hear the Report of the Committee appointed last year to inquire into the circumstances connected with the application of Mr. C. Chiniquy to be received into this Church, and as to his standing in relation to his mission at St. Ann and Kankakee, Illinois. The Report was read by Mr. Kemp, the Convener of the Committee.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Report was received.

Committee heard in explanation.

The members of the Committee—Mr. Scott, of London, Mr. Caven and Mr. Kemp—were heard in explanation of the Report.

Mr. Chiniquy heard.

Mr. Chiniquy was heard.

Motion.

Several motions were submitted for the disposal of the subject matter of the Report, which motions were subsequently withdrawn, and there remained before the Synod only the following:

Moved by Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. Ure, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee for their diligence in the matter intrusted to them; and that the Report, with relative papers, be referred to a Committee, to draw up a Deliverance on the subject; said Committee to report at the forenoon diet to-morrow;—the Committee to consist of Principal Willis (Convener), Dr. Jennings, Messrs. Ure, Laing, Baird, Kemp, Caven, Scott (London), McPherson, Gordon, ministers; with Dr. Holden, Messrs. W. Clark and M. C. Lutz, elders.

Motion carried—Report referred to Committee to draft Deliverance.

A vote being taken on the foregoing motion, it was agreed to by a large majority, and the Synod decided to refer the Report to the above Committee to draft a Deliverance.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
THURSDAY, *June* 11, 1863, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted; Mr. W. Clark, elder, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Bills, &c. Report.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, recommending the order of business for the day. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted.

FORM OF PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Form of Presbytery Records, Report on, adopted.

The Committee, appointed at a former Sederunt, to report on points of Form to be observed by Presbytery Clerks, in recording the transactions of their several Presbyteries, gave in a Report,

which was read by Mr. Monteath, the Convener. The Report was received, and its recommendations, with certain amendments noted, were adopted. The Synod ordered the Report to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Ordered to be printed.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Ministers, reception of—Report of Committee.

The Committee, appointed to examine the testimonials of Ministers applying to be received into this Church, handed in a Report, which was read. The Report was received, and its recommendations were adopted; and the Synod ordered, in accordance therewith, as follows: That the respective Presbyteries making application be authorized to receive the Rev. E. W. Garner and Mr. Robert Ewing; that the Presbytery of Montreal be authorized to receive the Rev. J. Donaldson, on his producing to them a regular dismission from the Presbytery of North River, United States; and that, as Mr. Carruthers is already a licentiate of this Church, his case be remitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton, with instructions to deal with it as the state of his health may warrant. The Synod agreed also that ministers from other Churches, making application to be received as ministers of this Church, be required to appear personally at the meeting of Synod at which such application is made.

Ministers applying to be received to appear personally

SACRED MUSIC.

Sacred music, Overture on.

There was read and received an Overture from Mr. R. Monteath, requesting the Synod to appoint a Committee to consider what measures may be deemed advisable for promoting the improvement of Sacred Music throughout the congregations connected with our Church, and to report thereon at next meeting of Synod. The Synod approved of the Overture, and, in accordance with its terms, appoint a Committee, as follows: Messrs. G. Smellie, G. Cuthbertson, D. H. McVicar, A. W. Waddell, W. S. Ball, W. McLaren, J. Gillespie, P. Gray, R. Monteath. Convener, Mr. Monteath.

Approved.

Committee appointed.

HOME MISSION REGULATIONS.

Home Mission Regulations. Returns to Remits.

The Committee on the Returns of Presbyteries to the Remit of Synod, on the *interim* Rules for conducting the Home Missionary operations of the Church, and on the Home Mission Fund, gave in a Report, which was read by the Convener, Mr. Alex. Topp. The Report set forth that, on the *interim* Rules, one Presbytery had made no report; that two Presbyteries disapproved; that two approved, with numerous changes; and that nine Presbyteries approved, with slight modifications. On the Home Mission Fund the Report stated that one Presbytery gave no report, that four Presbyteries approved *simpliciter*, and that eight Presbyteries proposed slight modifications.

Report received and adopted. Deliverance.

The Report was received and adopted, and, in accordance with its recommendations, the Synod agreed to the following Deliverance:

1. That these regulations be reënacted, *ad interim*.

2. That the Synod now express its approval of a General Committee and a Central Fund.

3. That, for the purpose of carrying out this object, a Special Committee be appointed to mature a plan for prosecuting Home Missionary operations in the land; that such plan be transmitted to Presbyteries before the 9th November, that they may consider and report upon the same to the Committee before 1st April; and that the Committee report to the Synod on the second day of its sitting.

4. That the Home Mission Committee, as now constituted, be appointed for another year.

5. That the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Kingston and Cobourg, and the suggestions contained therein, be remitted to the Special Committee to consider and report to next Synod.

Home Mission Regulations and Fund, Special Committee on.

The Special Committee on the Home Mission Regulations, and on the Mission Fund, as above, was then appointed as follows: The Moderator (Mr. J. Dick), Mr. Reid, Mr. Topp (Convener), Dr. Thornton, Messrs. A. F. Kemp, D. Inglis, J. J. A. Proudfoot, A. Wilson, J. Laing, W. Caven, J. Ross, W. Gregg, Wm. Inglis, ministers; Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Messrs. W. Clark (London), Messrs. Ratcliffe, T. Mair, W. Hunter, elders.

THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY, &c.

Thanks recorded.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, which was duly seconded, the Synod agreed to record their thanks:

1. To the Committee of Accommodation, for the faithful discharge of the duties intrusted to them.

2. To the Trustees and Congregation of Central Church, for the use of their church during the meeting of Synod.

3. To the inhabitants of Hamilton for the hospitality extended to the members of Synod.

APPEAL—MR. D. CAMERON.

Appeal. Mr. D. Cameron.

The Synod resumed consideration of the appeal of Mr. D. Cameron from action of the Presbytery of Montreal, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Cameron waived further direct support of appeal.

Mr. Cameron here stated that as he should have the right of reply, he would refrain from saying anything further in support of his appeal in the meantime.

Messrs. Watson and Kemp heard.

Mr. Watson and Mr. Kemp were heard on behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Mr. McVicar heard.

Mr. McVicar was heard on the part of Mr. McGillivray.

Mr. Cameron replied.

Mr. Cameron was heard in reply.

Questions.

Questions were put to the parties, and were answered.

Parties removed

Parties were removed.

Motion.

The Synod proceeded to deliberate and give judgment, when it was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, That the Synod dismiss the protest and appeal, and sustain the action of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. G. Smellie, That the appeal be sustained, and the action of the Presbytery of Montreal be reversed.

Decision.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Parties were recalled, and the decision was announced to them.

Mr. Cameron craved extracts.

Mr. Cameron craved extracts, which were granted.

Dissents.

Messrs. Kemp, McVicar and Watson craved leave to have their dissent from this decision marked in the minutes. Leave was granted.

Extracts craved.

Mr. Kemp, on behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal, craved extracts, which were granted.

WINSLOW CASE—REFERENCE.

Winslow case. Reference, Presbytery of Montreal.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, in the case of certain parties in the congregation of Winslow, wishing to give a call to a minister; and also in the case of Mr. Ewan McLean.

The Reference and relative papers were read.

Referred to Causes Com.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to send the Reference, with the relative documents, to the Committee on Causes, to consider and report thereon.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERY—REFERENCE.

Reference, Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, requesting the appointment of a Commission on the matter of the memorial of Mr. James Walker. It was intimated by the Presbytery that Dr. Irvine had dissented from their resolution to apply to the Synod for a Commission, as above.

Messrs. Burns, Starke and Lees support Reference.

Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. Stark and Mr. Lees were heard in support of the Reference.

Dr. Irvine heard as dissenting.

Dr. Irvine, as dissenting from the deed of the Presbytery of Hamilton in regard to said Reference, was heard.

Motion.

Principal Willis moved, seconded by Mr. Baird, as follows: Decline to sustain the Reference, so far as it seeks the Synod to appoint a Commission of its members to take upon it the duty or business already committed by the Synod to the Presbytery, to proceed in it according to the laws of the Church; but comply so far with the spirit of the memorial as to appoint assessors to act with the Presbytery in the adjudication of the case.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Wm. Inglis, seconded by Mr. W. Gregg, as follows: Dismiss the Reference, and instruct

the Presbytery to proceed with the business which they had entered upon when arrested by appeals, and bring it constitutionally to an issue.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the diet closed.

TWENTY-SECOND SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
THURSDAY, *June* 11, 1863, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer; Mr. Wilson, of Kingston, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Reference Hamilton Presb. withdrawn.

Mr. Porteous, the Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton, asked leave, on behalf of said Presbytery, to withdraw the Reference submitted in the morning, requesting the appointment of a Commission of Synod. Leave was granted, and the Reference was withdrawn.

FRENCH-CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

F. C. Miss. Soc. M. Duclos heard.

M. Duclos, delegated by the Directors of the French-Canadian Missionary Society to wait upon this Synod, and to lay the claims of that Society before them, was introduced, and addressed the Synod.

Resolution— F. C. Miss. Soc.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. McLaren, it was unanimously agreed, That the Synod record the satisfaction with which they have heard, from M. Duclos, of the successful operations of the French-Canadian Missionary Society; renew the expression of their interest in the Society; and again commend it to the prayerful and liberal support of the congregations of this Church.

MR. CHINIQUY'S CASE.

Deliverance on case of Mr. Chiniquy. Report of Com.

The Committee, appointed last night, to consider the Report of the Committee on Mr. Chiniquy's application, and to draft a Deliverance thereon, gave in a Report, recommending the following Deliverance for the adoption of Synod: The Synod finding, from the Report of their Committee, that, in the year 1861, the Synod of Chicago (O. S.) had vindicated Mr. Chiniquy from accusations then brought against him; and that nothing had emerged, in subsequent proceedings, that might not be accounted for by feelings of parties in the case, and nothing on account of which they should withhold their paternal recognition of Mr. Chiniquy; agree that, considering the interests of religion involved, they receive Mr. Chiniquy as a minister, he disclaiming that in any of his proceedings he designed any disrespect to the Presbytery of Chicago;

place him and his congregation, as a mission station of the Church, under the spiritual care of the Presbytery of London; appoint, also, a Committee to advise Mr. Chiniquy in all matters which may be of general interest to the cause of religion among the people associated with him in Illinois; and that this Committee be instructed respectfully to inform the Presbytery of Chicago of this decision, and explain to them that the general interests of religion seemed to warrant this step on the part of the Synod.

Motion to adopt Deliverance.

It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Irvine, That the Report of the Committee in the case of Mr. Chiniquy, be received, and that the Synod decide agreeably with its recommendations.

1st Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball, as follows: Resolve to remit the whole matter to the Presbytery of London, with instructions; first, to communicate with the Presbytery of Chicago and the Synod of Illinois, and then, if they shall see cause, to receive Mr. Chiniquy as a minister and his people as forming a mission station of this Church; it being always distinctly understood that no further expense be incurred by this Synod without its express consent, and that no arrangement connected with the Congregational property in Illinois be entered into on behalf of this Church until it be submitted to the Synod.

2nd Amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. Laing, That as it appears from the Report of the Committee and other papers in the case, that Mr. Chiniquy was honorably acquitted by the Synod of Illinois of all the charges brought against him, that the charges now lying against him are not, in substance, different from those already adjudicated upon, and that the disjunction of Mr. Chiniquy is unavoidable, the Synod, having regard to the important influence which the dealings of this Church with Mr. Chiniquy may have on the interests of religion generally, agree,

To extend its sympathy and countenance to Mr. Chiniquy, being convinced that nothing has been established against him which should affect his Christian and ministerial character.

While, therefore, prepared to vindicate and sustain, as far as possible, Mr. Chiniquy in his peculiar and very trying position, the Synod do not deem it wise in the meantime to incorporate the Congregations at Illinois, together with Mr. Chiniquy, with this Church, but

Resolve to appoint a committee to aid Mr. Chiniquy by advice, and, if necessary, to aid him in his work, as the liberality of the Church may enable them; instructing the Committee also to assist Mr. Chiniquy in vindicating his integrity and Christian character before the Church Courts in the United States, as this Synod believe may be done.

3rd Amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. D. H. McVicar, as follows: Inasmuch as it

appears from the Report of the Committee that Mr. Chiniquy is under sentence of deposition, for contumacy, by the Presbytery of Chicago (O. S.), and having good reason to believe that a statement of the grounds of said deposition is about to be published by that Presbytery, the Synod, out of respect to that reverend body, whose kindness and courtesy to their delegates they fully appreciate, agree, for the present, to delay final action in this matter.

They would, in the meanwhile, respectfully recommend their Reverend Brother to bring his case, by memorial, before the recognized Courts of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (O. S.)

They would further commit the whole matter to the Presbytery of London, with assessors, instructing them, if they see their way clear, to take a temporary supervision of the stations at St. Ann's and Kankakee, that they may by them be brought before the next meeting of Synod in due form, it being fully understood that no pecuniary responsibility involving the Synod be assumed without the Synod's sanction.

They would at the same time express their continued interest in this most hopeful field of Missionary labour, and their earnest desire that circumstances will emerge to admit of Mr. Chiniquy and his people receiving speedily the formal recognition of this Church.

4th Amendment. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. D. Inglis, as follows: The Synod, whilst sympathising with the Rev. C. Chiniquy in the circumstances in which he is placed, being under sentence of deposition for alleged contumacy, in connexion with charges which, on the report of the Committee appointed at last Synod, appear to be insufficient to warrant such a sentence, resolve to defer any direct steps towards the reception of Mr. Chiniquy as a minister of this Church, till he has taken constitutional means to prosecute his case before the Courts of the Church with which he has been connected.

Resolve, also, that with this view the Synod appoint a Committee to take steps to enable Mr. Chiniquy to prosecute his case, to confer with him, to make further inquiries as they may deem necessary, and to report to next Synod.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the Synod rose.

TWENTY-THIRD SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
THURSDAY, *June* 11, 1863, 7½ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, the devotions being led, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. W. Doak.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

LOYAL ADDRESSES.

Loyal addresses. Drafts submitted Order on. The Committee to whom was referred the drafting of addresses to the Queen, and to the Prince and Princess of Wales, brought up again drafts of such addresses, which were read. The Synod received the Report of the Committee, approved of the draft addresses, and ordered that the same be engrossed, signed by the Moderator and Clerks, and transmitted through the usual channel.

MR. CHINIQUY'S CASE.

Mr. Chiniquy's case resumed. The Synod resumed consideration of Mr. Chiniquy's application to be received as a minister, interrupted by the adjournment in the afternoon.

Prayer for guidance. After long reasoning the Synod declared themselves ready for the vote. Before taking the vote, at the suggestion of Principal Willis, that, considering the great importance of the question now to be decided, it would be dutiful to ask for divine guidance, the Moderator called upon Mr. James Black, of Caledonia, who led the Synod in prayer.

3rd Amendment withdrawn. Mr. R. F. Burns asked and obtained leave to withdraw the amendment submitted by him in the afternoon on Mr. Chiniquy's application.

Votes. A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. Topp and that of Mr. King, when that of Mr. King's was carried. Another vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. King and that of Dr. Jennings, when that of Dr. Jennings' was carried. A third vote was taken between the amendment of Dr. Jennings and the original motion of Mr. Mitchell, when the original motion was carried by a large majority, and on calling the yeas and nays the original motion was affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms of the deliverance reported by the Committee of the following tenor:—The Synod, finding from the report of their Committee, that in the year 1861 the Synod of Chichago, (O. S.,) had vindicted Mr. Chiniquy from accusations then brought against him, and that nothing had emerged in subsequent proceedings that might not be accounted for by the feelings of parties in the case, and nothing on account of which they should withhold their fraternal recognition of Mr. Chiniquy, agree that, considering the interests of religion involved, they receive Mr. Chiniquy as a minister, he disclaiming that in any of his proceedings he designed any disrespect to the Presbytery of Chicago; place him and his Congregation as a Mission Station of the Church, under the spiritual care of the Presbytery of London: appoint also a committee to advise Mr. Chiniquy in all matters which may be of general interest to the cause of religion among the people associated with him in Illinois, and that this Committee be instructed respectfully to inform the Presbytery of Chicago of this decision, and explain to them that the interests of religion seemed to warrant this step on the part of the Synod.

Deliverance in case of Mr. Chiniquy.

DISSENTS.

Dissents.

Against this deliverance Mr. Topp, for himself and all who should join with him, craved leave to have his dissent marked in the minutes. Leave was granted. The following ministers joined with Mr. Topp in his dissent, viz.: Messrs. W. Doak, A. Wilson, D. Inglis, J. Baird, J. Laing, and W. Cochrane.

Mr. Chiniquy, advisory Committee for.

The Committee to carry out the deliverance of Synod in the case of Mr. Chiniquy, was then appointed as follows, namely:—Principal Willis, Messrs. T. McPherson, J. Scott (London), W. Caven, R. Ure, J. Mitchell, J. K. Smith, W. Gregg, A. F. Kemp, Ministers; Mr. W. King, Dr. Holden, Mr. W. Clarke, Elders; Mr. Kemp, Convener.

STATISTICS.

Statistics Report.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics. The Report was read by Mr. John Gray, the Convener.

Report received, ordered to be printed. Thanks to Convener. Suggestions adopted. Committee re-appointed.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Henderson, elder, it was agreed, That the Synod receive the Report of the Committee, rejoice in the many cheering facts which it presents in the Statistical department, while they deplore many facts in the Financial department, and especially the continued defective stipend which appears to be paid by many of the Congregations, adopt the recommendations of the Report, order its publication in the appendix to the Synod's minutes, re-appoint the Committee, and record their thanks to the Convener, Mr. John Gray, for his patient and persevering labors in preparing the Report now submitted.

Statistics Committee.

The Committee, as re-appointed by the foregoing resolution, is composed as follows: Mr. J. Gray (Convener), Messrs. W. Gregg, R. Torrance, A. Wilson, W. Fraser, J. Dick, ministers, with Mr. Dallas and the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, elders.

Statistics to be published in *Record*.

On motion of Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Wm. Inglis, it was agreed, That the Statistical and Financial Statements, now submitted to the Synod, be published in consecutive numbers of the *Home and Foreign Mission Record*.

Synod agreed not to adjourn.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agreed not to adjourn but to proceed with the business.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees, Report of nominating Committee.

The Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees gave in a Report, which was received, and, with certain amendments, marked, was adopted, and appointments were made in accordance with its recommendations as follows:

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE.

College Board.

Messrs. J. Logie, W. McLaren, T. Lowry, J. Baird, R. Dewar, Dr. Irvine, Professor Young, Messrs. J. M. Roger, J. Dunbar, J. J. A. Proudfoot, Dr. Thomson, Messrs. W. Aitken, A. F. Kemp, J. K. Smith, J. Dick, A. Kennedy, W. Gregg, W. Reid,

J. Pringle, A. Topp, J. Smith, Dr. Burns, Principal Willis, ministers; Mr. A. S. Mulligan, Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. J. Osborne, E. Bethune, J. Brown, W. Hunter, W. Clark, J. Barclay, B. Jenkins, and Drs. Agnew and McQuesten, elders; Mr. Dick, chairman.

SENATUS OF KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College Senate.

Principal Willis, Prof. Burns, Prof. Young, Messrs. P. Gray, J. Dick, D. H. McVicar, Wm. Inglis, W. Reid, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Gregg.

COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS' FUND—GENERAL.

Widows' Fund Committee, General.

Messrs. G. Smellie, R. Torrance, M. Y. Stark, D. Inglis, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. W. Reid, F. McCuaig, T. McPherson, ministers; Messrs. J. Osborne, M. Young, W. Dunbar, sr., J. Redpath, M. C. Lutz, R. J. Wylie, J. Thom, J. Ratcliffe, D. McLellan, Hon. J. McMurrich; Mr. Osborne, convener.

COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS' FUND—SPECIAL.

Widows' Fund Com., Special.

Messrs. J. Scott, (Napanee), J. R. Scott, R. Torrance, W. Walker, W. Caven, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. J. M. King, Wm. Inglis, J. Logie, T. Stevenson, ministers; Messrs. J. C. Becket, M. Kerr, T. Sandilands, elders; Mr. Torrance, convener.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions Committee.

Messrs. J. Dick, R. F. Burns, R. Ure, J. Gray, W. Caven, J. Smith, D. Waters, J. G. Murray, Dr. Thomson, Messrs. J. R. Scott, W. Cochrane, J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. H. Fletcher, J. B. Duncan, R. Binnie, H. Campbell, ministers; Mr. G. Bissett, Dr. Holden, Messrs. M. Ballantyne, J. Parker, D. Christie (Owen Sound), A. Ogg, G. Davidson, A. Jeffrey, D. Penman, J. Wilson (Westminster), R. McKie, F. Hall, J. Court, T. Henry, D. McLellan, elders; Mr. R. F. Burns, convener.

COMMITTEE ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund Committee.

Dr. Thornton, Messrs. W. Reid, J. McTavish, J. Mitchell, ministers; Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. J. Barclay, J. Brown, elders; Dr. Thornton, convener.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Finance Com.

Messrs. A. Topp, W. Gregg, Dr. Jennings, Mr. J. M. King, Hon. J. McMurrich, J. L. Blakie; Hon. J. McMurrich, convener.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

State of Religion Committee.

Messrs. R. Torrance, W. S. Ball, Dr. Thomson, Messrs. J. Duff, J. Ross, A. Wilson, J. Fotheringham, J. Smith, A. Tolmie, G. Cheyne, J. Patteson, A. Cross, J. Skinner, J. Alexander, T. Wardrope, A. Melville, Dr. Taylor; Mr. Torrance, convener.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance Com.

Messrs. J. Smith, W. McLaren, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. A. Kennedy, ministers; D. Kennedy, J. C. Becket, elders; Mr. Smith, convener.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools Committee.

Messrs. W. McLaren, J. Morrison, P. Gray, J. Scott (Napanee), ministers; Mr. J. C. Becket, Mr. Northrup, elders; Mr. P. Gray, convener.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Mission Committee.

Messrs. R. Ure, A. Wilson, T. McPherson, R. Monteath, R. C. Moffatt, S. C. Fraser, D. Inglis, R. Torrance, J. R. Scott, W. T. McMullen, G. Cuthbertson, D. H. Fletcher, T. Wardrope, J. Baird, J. Mackie, A. Mathieson, A. F. Kemp, W. Reid, J. Laing, together with the Clerks of Presbyteries and the Moderator of Synod, ministers; Messrs. J. Grieve, R. Matthews, Mr. Ballantyne, J. Parker, R. Davis, J. Robertson, J. Dalgleish, A. Fraser, P. Wilson, A. Kennedy, Dr. Edmondson, elders; Mr. Ure, convener.

COMMITTEE ON "HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD."

Committee on *Record*.

Messrs. Topp, W. Gregg, J. Dick, J. M. King, W. Fraser, Principal Willis, Dr. Burns, ministers; Hon. J. McMurrich, R. J. Wylie, elders; Mr. Gregg, convener.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The Synod re-appointed the Committee of last year on Sabbath observance, as follows: Messrs. P. Gray, A. Wilson, W. McLaren, J. Laing, H. Gordon.; Mr. Gray, convener.

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD.

Arrangement for preaching before Synod, Com.

The Synod appointed as a Committee to make the requisite arrangements for preaching before the Synod, next year, the ministers of the Church in Toronto, viz: Mr. Topp, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Gregg, Mr. King; Mr. Gregg, convener.

MISSION TO FRENCH CANADIANS AT SANDWICH.

E. C., Sandwich Mission, Report Presbytery London.

The Synod called for the Report of the Presbytery of London, on the Mission to French Canadians at Sandwich. The Report was read, on behalf of the Presbytery, by Mr. W. Bennett.

Remitted to Presbytery of London.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the Report, and remit the subject, set forth therein, to the Presbytery of London, renewing, at the same time, the instructions of last year, that said Presbytery "take such steps, in the meantime, as they may see fit, in conjunction with the Home Mission Committee, for providing christian instruction for the French Canadian people in that district."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY—DRAFT OF SCHEME.

General Assembly, draft of Scheme.

The Committee, appointed at a former Sederunt, to draft a scheme for the constitution of a General Assembly and District Synods, gave in their Report, which was read by Mr. Kemp, the convener.

Remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod agreed, That the Report on a General Assembly be received; ordered that it be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes, and that it be remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions, in terms of the Barrie Act, for their consideration, and that returns be made on the remit, at next meeting of Synod.

DELIVERANCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT.

Report of Committee to frame Deliverance.

Mr. R. F. Burns, from the Committee appointed to frame a deliverance, for the adoption of Synod, on the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee, submitted a deliverance in terms following:

1. The Synod would return devout thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success that has attended their efforts in connection with this enterprise during the past year.

2. They would record their approval of the fidelity and zeal with which Mr. Jamieson has carried on the mission work at New Westminster, and their grateful appreciation of the liberality of the people there, in connection with the Church and Manse.

3. They would sanction the action of the Committee in offering to unite with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland in sending another missionary to British Columbia, and would empower the Committee, if they see fit, to send a missionary from Canada, in the terms proposed, if the effort to procure one from Scotland should fail.

4. They would tender thanks to Mr. Nisbet, who, at considerable inconvenience, has come to this meeting of Synod, that he might advocate the claims of the Red River mission. They would further bear testimony to the devotedness with which Messrs. Black and Nisbet have fulfilled the trust reposed in them, and would remit to them to make such temporary provision for the settlers of the Saskatchewan as may be in their power.

5. The Synod, while desiring, so soon as circumstances will permit, to fulfil their obligations to the Indians, yet, taking into account the state of the Foreign Mission Fund, and the existing demands upon it, would not deem it advisable, for the present, to incur any new liabilities for this purpose, but they would present this object before the people as having peculiar claims on their sympathies and benevolence.

6. The Synod would renew the expression of their sympathy with the Church in the Lower Provinces, on account of the fresh trials with which their South Sea mission has been visited, and their earnest hope that their missionary staff may be speedily filled up. They would further convey to Mr. James D. Gordon, of the Church of Nova Scotia, and one of their missionaries elect to the New Hebrides, their thanks for his presence and address, and their earnest prayer that he may be carried in safety to his distant destination, and be greatly prospered in his missionary labours.

7. The Synod agree to grant, for the erection of the new church at British Columbia, the sum of $300, in addition to the $300 already granted by the Committee, and the sum of $200 for the churches at Assiniboine and Little Britain. They would approve of an effort being made, privately, by Mr. Nisbet, to raise funds for the erection of a new school-house at Kildonan. They would also fully sanction the action of Mr. Jamieson, in appropriating the proceeds accruing from the school at New Westminster, taught by him during a portion of the year, as follows, viz.: for the Church Building Fund, $100; for the erection of a school-house at New Westminster, $150—in all, $250.

8. They would recommend the publication of the Report, for circulation throughout the congregations of the Church.

9. The Synod approve of the formation of Missionary Associations in congregations, wherever they are deemed practicable, as tending to develop a missionary spirit, and a more enlarged liberality throughout the Church.

10. Finally, the Synod would affectionately urge on Presbyteries and Sessions to give increased prominence to the Foreign Missions of the Church, in their deliberations. They would bespeak for them the assistance of the children of the Church, already in some measure liberally tendered, and would commend the Missionary enterprise to the united prayers and systematic beneficence of all our congregations.

Motion to adopt

It was moved and seconded, That the Deliverance, as recorded above, be adopted.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, That the sum of $300 for the erection of the church in New Westminster, and the sum of $200 to Red River, be not granted.

Deliverance adopted

A vote being called, the motion was carried, and the Synod adopted the Deliverance as reported.

Dissent.

Mr. Kemp craved leave to have his dissent from this decision marked. Leave was granted.

RIGHT OF VOTING—REPORT.

Voting, right of, Report on.

Mr. Alex. Topp, the Convener of the Committee, appointed at a former diet, to draft a Minute on a Reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg, inquiring what parties have a right to vote in the election of Ministers and other office-bearers, and at congregational meetings, gave in a Report, embodying a Deliverance for the adoption of Synod.

Deliverance received. Remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions.

The Synod received the Report, and agreed to send down the Deliverance to Presbyteries and Sessions, in terms of the Barrier Act, for their consideration, to be reported on at next Synod, of the tenor following: The Committee, after having duly considered the matter remitted to them, have unanimously come to the fol-

lowing Deliverance: That it is of importance, for the guidance of all parties concerned, that the Synod should give forth an authoritative statement on the subject; and, believing that doubts exist in many quarters as to what are the law and practice of Presbyterian Churches in general; therefore, the Committee recommend to the Synod that it declare the general law and practice of the Presbyterian Church to be, that none but members in full communion with the Church have the right to vote in the election of Ministers and office-bearers, and at congregational meetings; but that adherents of the Church may sign a Call, and take part at congregational meetings.

WINSLOW CASE—REPORT—CAUSES COMMITTEE.

2nd Report, Causes Com., Winslow case.

The Committee on Causes gave in a Report on the Reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, in the case of certain parties in the congregation of Winslow wishing to give a call to a minister; and also in the case of Mr. Ewan McLean; setting forth the facts of these cases, and recommending a Deliverance.

Report adopted.

It was moved and duly seconded, That the Report be received, and the Deliverance therein contained adopted. On a vote being taken the motion was carried, only one voting against it.

Deliverance.

The Deliverance is of the tenor following: That, taking a review of the whole facts, the Synod agree that it would not be for edification that the Presbytery of Montreal should proceed to grant moderation in a Call, and instruct the Presbytery accordingly.

Dissent.

Mr. Greenfield asked and obtained leave to have his dissent from this finding marked in the minutes.

Extracts craved.

Mr. Kemp craved extracts for the Presbytery of Montreal.

BUXTON BUILDING FUND.

Buxton Mission Building Fund, Report on.

The Report of the Committee on the Buxton Mission Building Fund was given in and read by Mr. W. McLaren, the Convener.

Report received and adopted.

It was moved, duly seconded, and agreed to, That the Report be received and its recommendations adopted, and that in accordance with its suggestions the Special Committee recommended therein be now appointed.

Committee appointed.

The Committee was accordingly appointed as follows: Principal Willis, Mr. John Scott (London), Convener, Messrs. W. King, J. J. A. Proudfoot, W. Reid, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Caven, Doak, Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. Blaikie, W. Clark, A. McKellar.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with the benediction.

TWENTY-FOURTH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,
FRIDAY, *June* 12, 1863, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 7TH SECTION.

7th Section, Act of Parliament, Report on.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the seventh section of the Act of Parliament, in relation to the disposal of Church property. The Report was given in and read by Mr. McLaren, the Convener of the Committee.

Report remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to receive the Report, and, without expressing any opinion on the deliverance contained therein, send it down to Presbyteries and Sessions, and instruct them to report to next Synod.

MR. CHARLES FLETCHER'S APPLICATION.

Mr. C. Fletcher's application, Reference Huron Presbytery.

The Synod took a reference from the Presbytery of Huron, anent application of Mr. Charles Fletcher, of Goderich, to be placed on the same footing as other ministers without charge, and to be admitted to the rights of the Widows' Fund, and of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Heard Mr. Ure.

Mr. Ure was heard in support of the reference.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Ure, seconded by Mr. Waters, That in consideration of the services of Mr. Charles Fletcher, more especially of past services rendered to one of the branches of this now United Church, and in view also of the cause by which, in the Providence of God, he was laid aside from pastoral work, the Synod grant leave to the Presbytery of Huron to place his name upon their Roll, it being understood that his status as a minister shall be the same as that accorded, on special grounds, to certain ordained missionaries of this Church.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Laing, That the reference from the Presbytery of Huron in regard to Mr. C. Fletcher, having been considered, the Synod find that, while he is an ordained minister of this Church without charge, it is still inexpedient to place him on the Roll of the Synod.

Motion carried—Mr. Fletcher to be on Roll.

On a vote being taken the motion of Mr. Ure was carried, and the Synod decided in terms of said motion.

Motion to refer application anent Widows' Fund, &c., to Special Committee.

A further motion was submitted by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Laing, as follows: That in regard to Mr. Fletcher's application to be admitted to the rights of the Widows' Fund and of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, agree to remit his special case to the consideration of the Special Committee of the Widows' Fund

for the Congregations of the late United Presbyterian Church, to be reported on at next meeting of Synod.

Motion in negative.

It was moved by Mr. McLaren, and duly seconded, That this motion be not entertained.

Motion of Mr. Kemp carried—Mr. Fletcher's case referred.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Kemp was carried, and the yeas and nays being called thereon, it was affirmed unanimously, and the Synod decided to refer Mr. Fletcher's application to the Special Committee in terms of said motion.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION REPORT.

Theological Education, Report of Special Com. Consideration of deferred.

The Synod took up the Report of the Special Committee on Theological Education, read at a former Sederunt. The Synod agreed that the Report be received, but that consideration thereof be deferred till next meeting of Synod, and that, in the meantime, it be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Finance Report received. Thanks to Com.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Finance. The Report was handed in and read. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the Report, and record the thanks of the Synod to the Committee for their diligence.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools, Report of Committee received. Instruction to Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. The Report was handed in and read. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, That the Report be received, and that the Committee be instructed to direct their attention to the Psalmody of Sabbath Schools with a view to its improvement.

REASONS OF DISSENT—PRIN. WILLIS.

Reasons for dissent. Prin. Willis, Ashburn case.

Principal Willis here handed in reasons of dissent from the deliverance of Synod in the Ashburn and Utica case, of which he had given notice at the time such deliverance was come to. The reasons of dissent were received and ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

Dr. Jennings' dissent in Mr. Chiniquy's case.

Dr. Jennings here claimed that he had offered his dissent last night from the decision, in the case of Mr. Chiniquy, on constitutional grounds, but that it was omitted to be marked. It was agreed that the dissent be entered.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

Report on Sabbath observance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The Report was handed in and read. On motion made and seconded, the Report was received.

"HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD" REPORT.

Record, Rep. on.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record*. The report was given in and read. On motion made and seconded, the Report was received and adopted.

EXPENSES AT SYNOD.

Expenses attending Synod, Report on.

The Committee appointed at a former sederunt to consider how provision could best be made for the expenses of ministers and elders attending meetings of Synod, gave in a Report, which was read and received.

Expenses, Resolution on.

On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed, That the attention of congregations be called, by a notice in the *Record*, to the duty of paying the travelling expenses of members of Synod, and that the Synod authorize the Committee of Accommodation to draw upon the Synod Fund, to an amount not exceeding $250, towards defraying expenses incurred by them in providing accommodation for members of the Court not enjoying the hospitality of private families, while residing in Toronto.

OVERTURE ON CITATIONS, &C.

Overture on Citations, &c., referred to Com. on Forms.

There was read and received an Overture from Mr. Walter Inglis, anent citations, and disjunctions from Sessions. It was agreed, on motion, to refer the Overture for consideration to the Committee on a Book of Forms of Procedure, to report thereon at next Synod.

STANDING ORDERS—OVERTURE.

Overture on Standing Orders.

There was submitted to the Synod an Overture from several members of Synod, on Standing Orders, recommending the adoption of certain modes of transacting the business of Synod. The overture was read and received, and it was agreed to remit the same to Presbyteries to consider, and report thereon at next meeting of Synod.

PRINTING PAPERS—OVERTURE.

Overture on printing papers. Remitted to Presbyteries.

There was read and received an Overture from several members of Synod, recommending that the papers, in cases of complaint or appeal which may come before the Synod, be printed by the parties, for the use and information of members of the Synod. It was agreed to remit the Overture to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions to make return thereto, at next Synod.

TEMPORALITIES OF CONGREGATIONS—OVERTURE.

Overture on Temporalities.

Remitted to Forms Com.

There was read and received an Overture from several members of Synod, on the Temporalities of Congregations. It was agreed to remit the Overture to the Committee on Book of Forms, to consider and report thereon at the next meeting of Synod.

REPRESENTATION IN CHURCH COURTS.

Representation Overture—Referred to Com. on Forms.

There was read and received an Overture from the Sessions of English Settlement and Bethel Church, on the representation of Sessions in the superior Courts of the Church, and more especially referring to cases in which two or more congregations are under the care of one pastor. It was agreed to remit the Overture to the Committee on a Book of Forms, for their consideration, and to report thereon at next Synod.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFERENCE OF CHALMERS' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, TO PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Application of Chalmers' Ch., Woodstock, for transference.

The Synod took up an application from Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, for transference from Presbytery of Paris to Presbytery of London.

The application was read. There was read also the Deliverance of the Presbytery of Paris with reference to this matter.

The Synod, on motion made and seconded, agreed not to grant the transference.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND—RULES AMENDED.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, amendment of Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Reid, duly seconded, it was agreed, That the Regulations for the management of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, be re-enacted *ad interim*, with the following alterations, viz.:—The word "may" to be substituted for the word, "shall," in the fourth of those Regulations; and the words "through the Presbytery of the bounds," to be inserted between the words "deal" and "with," in the sixth Regulation. The fourth and sixth Regulations, with these amendments, will read as follows:

4. That for every year over ten, which a minister serves in it, before he is invalided, he may receive, if the funds admit of this, the sum of $8 yearly, till the sum of $200 is reached.

6. That when application is made to admit a minister to the benefits of this Fund, the Committee shall have power to deal, through the Presbytery of the bounds, with his congregation, in order to arrange with them what he is to receive from said congregation as a retiring allowance; and that no Presbytery dissolve a pastoral relation, on the ground of age or infirmity, without first communicating with the Committee for this end.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

Collections at same times as last year.

The Synod ordered that the stated collections for the schemes of the Church be made, in all the congregations, at the same times, as were ordered for the past year, that is to say:

For Foreign Missions, on the third Sabbath of January;

For Home Missions, on the third Sabbath of April;

For Synod Fund, on the third Sabbath of July;

For Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.

MEMORIAL ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance Memorial—Referred to Committee on Temperance.

The Synod took up a Memorial from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance. It was agreed to remit the Memorial to the Synod's Committee on Temperance.

Synod closed.

The business being finished, the Moderator addressed the Synod, and announced that the next meeting was appointed to be held in Cooke's Church, Toronto, on the second Tuesday of June, 1864, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Synod then engaged in praise, singing Ps. cxxii., 6–9. Mr. Gillespie, by request, offered up prayer, and the Moderator closed the Session by pronouncing the Apostolic benediction.

JAMES DICK,
Moderator.

WM. REID,
WM. FRASER, } *Joint Clerks of Synod.*

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF ORDINATIONS, INDUCTIONS, DEMISSIONS, &c., DURING YEAR 1862–3.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

October 9th, 1863.—Rev. E. McLean was loosed from the charge of Winslow congregation.

A. F. KEMP, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

1. DEMISSIONS.—The Rev. R. Scott's resignation of Pakenham and Arnprior was accepted on the 9th June, 1862.
   Mr. John McEwan's demission of the part of his charge called Lochaber was accepted on the 6th August, 1862.
   Mr. James Whyte's demission of the part of his charge called Russell, was accepted on the 5th November, 1862.
   Mr. William Lochead's resignation of Renfrew was accepted on the 6th May, 1863.
2. —ORDINATION.—Mr. Joseph White was ordained Minister of Wakefield, 7th August, 1862.
3. —INDUCTION.—Mr. Walter Scott was inducted into Dalhousie, Nov. 13, 1862.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

1. DEMISSIONS.—The Rev. R. McKenzie demitted the pastoral charge of Yonge and Lyn, August 6th, 1862.
   The Rev. Archibald Lees, A.M., demitted the pastoral charge of North Augusta, September 23rd, 1862.
2. INDUCTION.—The Rev. R. McKenzie was inducted into the pastoral charge of South Gower and Mountain, February 18th, 1863.
3. DEATH.—The Rev. James Geggie, for many years Minister of Spencerville, died January 3rd, 1863.

JAMES K. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Mr. John Turnbull was ordained, and inducted into the pastoral charge of Melrose and Lonsdale, on Tuesday 24th June, 1862.

Mr. Thomas Kellough was licensed to preach the Gospel, on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1862.

PARTICK GRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

1. Resignation.—The Rev. Peter McDermid resigned the pastoral charge of the congregations of Bomanton and Alnwick, on 30th Sept., 1862.
2. License.—Mr. William McWilliam, on the 14th January, 1863.

The Rev. William McAlister was declared no longer a Minister of this Church, on the 13th January, 1863.

James Bowie, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

2. Licensure.—Mr. Lachlin Cameron was licensed to preach the Gospel, on July 29th, 1862.
3. Demission.—Rev. John M. King, of Columbus and Brooklin, was loosed from his charge on the 14th April last, with a view to his being settled in Gould-street, Toronto.

R. Monteath, *Pres. Clerk, pro tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

1. Inductions.—Mr. Robert Rodgers was inducted as Minister of Collingwood on 20th August, 1862.
   Mr. Nathaniel Patterson was inducted as Minister of York Mills and Fisherville on 25th February, 1863.
   Mr. Robert Scott was inducted as Minister of Oakville on May 20, 1863.
   Mr. J. M. King was inducted as Minister of Gould-street Congregation, Toronto, on 28th May, 1863.
2. Ordination.—Mr. John K. Hislop was ordained Minister of Alliston, Carluke and Essa Town Line, 18th November, 1863.
3. Translation.—Mr. Robert Ure, of Streetsville, was translated to Goderich on the 26th August, 1862.
4. Resignation.—Mr. A. T. Holmes resigned the charge of 2nd Brampton Congregation on the 1st July, 1862.

Wm. Gregg, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

1. Licensed.—Mr. Archibald Stewart, on the 24th of June, 1862.
2. Ordained.—Mr. Wm. T. Murdoch, on the 10th of September, 1862, and on the same day admitted to the pastoral charge of the second Congregation, Galt.
   Mr. Lachlin Cameron, on the 5th of November, 1862, and on the same day admitted to the pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Acton.
3. Translated.—Mr. George Cuthbertson, on the 20th January, 1863, from the Congregation of Chalmers' Church, Woolwich, to that of St. Thomas.
4. Declared to be no longer a Minister or Member of the Church.—Mr. Thomas Isaac Hodgskin, on the 24th June, 1862.

James Middlemiss, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

1. Ordination.—Mr. Thomas Wilson was ordained in Sutherland St. Church, Caledonia, on April 28, 1863.
2. Inductions.—Rev. Robert Wallace was inducted as Minister of the Congregations of Thorold and Drummondville, on July 16, 1862.
   Rev. Alexander McGlashen was inducted as Minister of the Congregations of Pelham and St. Anne's, Gainsboro', on May 19, 1863.

John Porteous, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

1. Ordinations.—Mr. James Robertson was ordained and inducted as Minister of the Congregation of River-street, Paris, on July 23, 1862.
   Mr. William Richardson was ordained and inducted as Minister of the Congregations of Tilsonburg and Culloden, on March 3, 1863.
2. Translation.—The Rev. A. Tolmie was translated from the Congregations of Blandford and Innerkip to the Congregations of Southampton and Arran West, on Nov. 4, 1862.

John Gillespie, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1. Calls Moderated.—On 8th July, 1862, a call was sustained from the Congregation of Mosa to Mr. Archibald Stewart, Probationer.
   On 26th November, 1862, a call was sustained from the Congregation of St. Thomas, to Mr. George Cuthbertson, minister at Woolwich, in the Presbytery of Guelph.
2. Ordinations.—On 30th July, 1862, Mr. George Simpson, probationer, was ordained and inducted into the charge of the Congregation of Westminster.
   On the 26th November, 1862, Mr. Archibald Stewart, Probationer, was ordained and inducted into the charge of the Congregation of Mosa.
3. Induction.—On 25th February, 1863, Mr. George Cuthbertson, formerly of Woolwich, was inducted into the charge of the Congregation of St. Thomas.
4. Demission.—Mr. William Troup having resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Plympton, was loosed therefrom the Nov. 5, 1862.
5. Death.—Mr. William Deas, minister of Warwick and Adelaide, died at Perth, Scotland, 1st July, 1862.

David Walker, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

1. Licensed.—Mr. John K. Hislop was licensed to preach the Gospel on the second day of July, 1862.
2. Ordination and Induction.—Mr. Robert Renwick was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the united Congregations of Elma Centre, West Monkton, Molesworth, and Listowell, on the 28th January, 1863.

William Doak, *Pres. Clerk.*

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William Doak, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

1. ORDINATIONS.—Rev. Adam McKay was ordained, and inducted, on the 24th July, 1862, as pastor of the congregation of Culross.
   The Rev. A. G. Forbes was ordained, and inducted, on the 11th Dec., 1862, as pastor of the united congregations of Riversdale and North Kinloss.
2. INDUCTIONS.—The Rev. Robert Ure, of Streetsville, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Goderich, on the 8th October, 1862.
3. TRANSLATIONS.—Rev. John Stewart was translated from the congregation of Knox Church, Kincardine, to the united congregation of Blythe, Hullett and Manchester, on the 28th January, 1863.

A. D. McDONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

1. INDUCTION.—Rev. A. Tolmie inducted to charge of 1st Southampton and West Arran congregation, the 5th December, 1862.
2. ORDINATION.—Rev. James McDowall ordained, in St. Vincent, Sydenham and Euphrasia, the 31st December, 1862.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

In presenting this their second Report since the Union, your Committee are enabled to exhibit the Statistics of the Church in a more complete form than last year, and they cherish the hope that, with a little more care and attention on the part of office-bearers, full returns will in future be received from each Congregation.

Out of 230 pastoral charges connected with our Church, only the following eleven, Kemptville, Westport, Dalhousie, Ashburn and Utica, Flamboro' West, Mornington, Guelph (1st Congregation), Mandawmin, Detroit, Lake Shore and Normanby, have sent no returns. To these are to be added the newly settled Congregations of Elma Centre, Culross, Carlisle, St. Thomas, Southampton, and West Arran, together with about twelve vacant charges, which need not be mentioned, as they appear in the general return.

On the Presbyteries within whose respective bounds these several defaulting Congregations are found, devolves the duty of taking order that they be suitably dealt with, and that the necessity of rigid compliance with the instructions of Synod be urged upon them.

The comparative completeness of this year's Return is due, in a great measure, to the zeal and labour of the various Presbytery Clerks, who are, however, hampered and hindered by the dilatoriness and *vis inertiæ* of not a few of our office-bearers. And while referring to improvement, it is well to bear in mind, that much has yet to be done in the way of rendering the Congregational Returns themselves more correct, as several of those given in are incomplete, and compiled without sufficient care and exactness. To accomplish this desirable object, the more thorough and systematic oversight of Presbyteries is needed.

The subjoined table presents, in a condensed form, the general results derived from a particular examination of the Statistical Returns:—

PRESBYTERY.	Communicants	Addition.	Diminution.	Baptisms.	Elders.	Other Office-bearers.	Sabbath Sch'ls.	Bible Classes.	Prayer Meet'gs	Ministers.	Preaching Stations.	Average attendance.
Montreal	4,066	423	154	427	158	228	1742	882	75	26	56	8,080
Brockville	1,267	74	40	93	53	62	684	141	9	9	30	2,425
Ottawa	2,163	186	99	177	77	103	1145	262	33	12	36	3,460
Kingston	1,247	139	58	192	49	60	818	284	17	11	25	2,460
Cobourg	2,377	189	97	232	94	98	968	220	18	13	34	3,980
Ontario	1,710	163	128	175	70	110	1026	395	31	13	28	3,000
Toronto	4,275	481	276	443	186	208	2168	693	40	26	64	7,700
Guelph	3,396	342	214	438	100	181	1645	420	20	17	32	5,050
Hamilton	3,703	406	227	320	126	166	1765	404	46	21	43	6,500
Paris	2,600	290	156	270	100	165	1232	383	22	18	27	4,300
London	2,855	245	96	354	114	184	1556	620	41	24	50	5,230
Huron	2,202	381	74	367	82	144	952	244	21	14	27	3,325
Stratford	1,663	186	66	229	57	131	785	362	20	13	24	3,545
Grey	1,246	190	66	208	67	82	750	143	18	15	25	1,890
Total	34,770	3,695	1,751	3,925	1,333	1,922	17,286	5,513	411	232*	501	60,945
Add about 1-10th for default'g con.	38,000	4,000	1,900	4,100	1,400	2,100	20,000	6,000	440	232	550	67,000
Approx. vidimus of last year	36,000			4,000	1,350	1,900	16,000	5,500		224	450	62,000
Probable increase	2,000			100	50	200	4,000	500		8	100	5,000

Your Committee call attention to the fact, that the fuller returns of this year confirm the general correctness of the approximate vidimus last year, based upon the imperfect returns which were then sent in, with the exception of the average attendance, which was misprinted 70,000 instead of 62,000. Taking, then, this as our basis of comparison, and adding one-tenth for the defaulting congregations of this year, the general increase is encouraging. It is seen that, in regard to membership, attendance on ordinances, Sabbath schools, Bible classes, Prayer meetings, and the other outward indications of a Church's prosperity, there is gratifying progress.

Though the columns headed "Addition" and "Diminution" indicate a larger increase of communicants, yet your Committee, from an examination of the Returns, insert 2,000 as more correct; and, in connection with this, it may be necessary to observe that, from the loose way in which some of the Congregational Returns are made up, much care and trouble are required in revising the various items, and getting at the general results. After every allowance has been made, the following representation may be deemed approximately correct. There are presented to view nearly 40,000 communicants; an attendance on ordinances approaching 70,000; upwards of 25,000 of the youthful hope of the land under religious training, and having thousands of instructive books placed for their perusal in their numerous Sabbath-school Libraries; between 500 and 600 preaching stations, where Christ crucified is proclaimed by (including the Professors and Retired Ministers) about 240 servants of the Lord, besides a considerable number of missionaries without fixed charges, and extending over the length and breadth of the Province; more than 400 Prayer

* 283 including Professors, &c.

meetings as centres of spiritual influence and means of stirring up sound doctrinal feelings; and lastly, between 3,000 and 4,000 zealous and devoted office-bearers, to take the oversight of things temporal and spiritual.

Should not this general outline of our Zion's bulwarks arouse us to praise the Lord for our exceeding great and precious privileges, and cause us to tremble in view of the mighty trust committed, and our unfitness, as standard-bearers under the great Captain, for caring aright for so large and influential a portion of God's sacramental host?

Your Committee call attention to the circumstance, that many of our churches are only partially filled on the Lord's day; there being, from the comparison of the Returns, at least *ten thousand* unoccupied sittings throughout our various churches. Though pastoral visitation be in general attended to by our Ministers, yet, considering the empty state of many houses of God, a great work is in this way open to our other office-bearers and communicants. In view of the vast numbers of non-church-going people throughout the land, a more faithful carrying out of the divine command, "Compel them to come in," is much needed.

Your Committee, before leaving this branch of the subject, have to remark, that the attendance of members of Synod is somewhat larger than last year, and consists of about 170 Ministers and 90 Elders.

An abstract, in tabular form, of the leading items of the Financial Statement, is next submitted, and its careful examination urged upon the Elders present, as it exhibits features worthy of their gravest consideration:

PRESBYTERY.	Stipend paid.	Arrears actually due.	All other Congregational contrib.	College Fund.	Home Mission Fund.	Foreign Mission Fund.	Wid. & Orphans' Fund.	Synod Fund.	French-Canadian Mission.	Other Benevolent objects.	Total Congregational contrib'ns.	No. of Congreg's in Arrear.	No. of Ministers reporting.
	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.		
Montreal	14,232 00	2,691 40	8,204 09	647 39	671 04	528 24	477 56	196 83	314 92	2,496 23	26,966 37	14	26
Brockville	3,344 87	697 87	1,493 26	75 00	91 42	59 45	78 51	32 53	49 93	229 75	5,527 78	5	7
Ottawa	5,895 45	1,318 20	2,197 26	684 23	278 86	109 55	107 07	72 30	55 70	363 35	8,801 19	8	11
Kingston	5,320 52	1,212 37	4,289 67	244 15	429 14	38 82	34 07	47 96	47 79	86 12	11,825 42	7	11
Cobourg	6,572 01	1,513 79	4,400 60	223 77	394 37	119 29	79 53	74 96	123 65	.....	14.669 39	9	13
Ontario	5,850 00	1,299 67	5,028 18	148 70	400 30	215 13	106 99	82 19	184 07	531 27	12,763 68	5	12
Toronto	13,246 19	1,394 54	7,771 15	895 04	466 61	365 60	257 32	146 28	155 03	295 63	26,454 07	6	26
Guelph	10,291 39	769 13	5,686 32	471 65	437 03	245 64	224 12	138 95	150 91	206 69	20,113 44	3	16
Hamilton	12,184 41	1,050 91	6,525 40	583 09	339 94	389 57	315 64	163 25	286 05	1,005 82	22,936 29	8	20
Paris	9,263 50	17 62	4,513 28	237 43	227 86	179 36	181 88	107 38	70 37	582 92	16,782,98	1	18
London	10,980 48	739 21	11,463 57	381 27	705 70	235 25	86 36	155 03	136 11	385 26	25,194 92	4	20
Huron	4,643 67	803 24	3,015 44	133 47	702 44	112 01	34 25	43 18	87 72	380 03	9,167 81	3	13
Stratford	6,251 87	1,511 52	2,602 36	113 34	354 76	133 18	148 25	87 49	119 30	82 21	9,911 94	5	11
Grey	4,430 40	848 10	3,506 34	72 72	76 20	42 80	150 70	31 02	40 41	40 76	7,910 93	5	12
Total	112,504 76	16,067 57	70,696 92	4,851 25	5,571 67	2,743 89	2,292 25	1,379 75	1,821 96	6,486 04	219,036 21	83	216

From the evils incident to an unpropitious season, the Christian Church is usually the greatest sufferer, and Ministers feel with most force the poverty and other unhappy consequences that result from a meagre harvest. Considering, then, the partial failure of last year's crops, your Committee anticipated a large deficiency in the Stipend Fund, and they regret to find that their anticipations have been unhappily realized. The tabular abstract exhibits arrears as due to 83 Ministers, or considerably more than *one-third* of those who have reported; and they have good ground for believing that the Returns present the most favorable view of the case. Could your Committee get within the veil of the bare facts and figures, they would witness a niggardliness and grasping covetousness on the part of some of our people, that are absolutely appalling; and a patient, suffering and self-denying spirit on the part of our Ministers, that may be regarded as heroic. When the rise in the price of all articles of merchandise, and the arduous, life-shortening labors of the pastors of our Zion are conjoined with the facts, that two-thirds of them are receiving incomes less than the minimum stipend of $600 per annum, and that not a few are striving to live (or rather to starve) on less than $400, it is high time that some of our influential laymen were bestirring themselves in behalf of the worst paid, the most laborious, and the most self-denying of any class throughout the land.

The amount which has been thus inconsiderately kept back from God's servants, exceeds $16,000, or exactly one-seventh of the entire Stipend Fund reported; while it is believed that a full statement from the congregations which have sent no report, would augment it to upwards of $20,000.

For the purpose of removing this painful state of matters, your Committee suggest the more faithful and frequent dealing with non-paying congregations, on the part of Presbyteries. It is to be feared that, amid the pressure of business of a less worldly and more spiritual character, the temporal claims and necessities of God's servants are cast into the shade by our Church Courts. As it is also evident that our people are very imperfectly educated in the duty, and not fully alive to the privilege of giving, your Committee seek to impress on this Court the advisability of indoctrinating our members in the principles, and of urging them to the practice of a higher Christian liberality, by means of a Pastoral Letter, read at a stated time from each of the pulpits of our Church.

So many elements have to be taken into account in estimating the average stipend of our Ministers, that only an approximation can be obtained. Without indicating the process, your Committee would fix upon $520 as the most probable sum.

The average contribution of each communicant for the Stipend Fund may be stated at $3 15.

Owing to the pecuniary state of the country, the disbursements for congregational purposes have reached barely one-half of those of last year. When the financial condition of the Province is taken into account, the various Synodical schemes may be regarded as in a prosperous state. The College Fund, as might have been expected, is rapidly recovering from the pressure to which it was subjected by the Building scheme on the one hand, and the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the late United Presbyterian Church on the other, though it is not by any means so liberally supported as its importance and intrinsic merits demand. Were it as generously sustained as the Home Mission, or were a contribution of less than 20c. obtained each year from our

38,000 communicants, the College would not only be able to meet its annual expenditure, but also have a moiety to spare, for the liquidation of its past debt.

The total contributions for all purposes, as indicated by the Returns, amount to nearly $220,000, or the approximate rate of $6 25 for each communicant.

Your Committee would earnestly urge on Presbyteries the necessity of lightening their arduous labours, by taking a more careful and special oversight of the preparation of the Statistics, and by making it rather a Presbyterial duty than devolving it entirely on the Clerk, who is usually burdened with other work connected with his office. They also ask permission of the Synod to make such changes in the printed Schedules as they deem necessary.

In conclusion, your Committee believe that, as a Church, we have reason to thank God and take courage, on account of his favour to us. The figures embodied in this Report, at least, exhibit progress, and show that the means of grace are regularly dispensed, pastoral visitations universally attended to, prayer meetings almost universally held, Sabbath schools and Bible classes generally established, and the whole ecclesiastical machinery in continuous and active operation. What and how many spiritual blessings may be wrapped up underneath those outward forms, the great day alone will reveal; and *then*, your Committee would fain hope that, as the history of our denomination is reviewed before the Court of Heaven, the saying may be often repeated: "This man and that man were born there."

JOHN GRAY, *Convener*.

Hamilton, June, 1863.

N. B.—Though great care has been used in preparing the Statistical Return and Financial Statement, yet, as errors are unavoidable, where so many figures are employed, a forbearing and non-carping spirit is asked for in examining the Returns.

J. G.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE.

The Board of Management of Knox College, in presenting to the Synod their Annual Report, notice,

I.—THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES DURING THE RECENT SESSION.

Last year, the total number in all the classes was 57, this year it is 58. Of these, there were in the Theological Class. 11; in the Second Class, 10; in the Junior Class, 11; in the Senior Preparatory Class, 11; in the Second Class, 12; and in the Junior Class, 3: in all, 32 in the Theological classes, and 26 in those that are preparatary.

The following are the names of the Students enrolled last session:

THIRD OR SENIOR THEOLOGICAL CLASS.

Daniel Duff, George Grant, Henry Gracey, William Lundy, Alexander Grant, J. B. Taylor, John Morrison, James Malcolm, Alexander McNaughton, James Mitchell, John Davidson.

SECOND THEOLOGICAL CLASS.

Ebenezer Bauld, Stephen Young, John Ferguson, J. H. Thom, George McLennan, John Burton, W. M. Roger, William Caven, John M. Gibson, Oliver Labelle.

FIRST THEOLOGICAL CLASS.

R. N. Grant, K. M. McDonald, A. B. Simpson, D. Fotheringham, John McColl, Allan Findlay, James Baikie, W. R. Moore, H. McQuarrie, A. J. Traver, F. L. Patton.

THIRD PREPARATORY CLASS.

W. H. Simpson, J. Hastie, J. F. Forbes, Alexander McLennan, Archibald McLean, James Little, Robert Knowles, Duncan Davidson, James Douglas, Robert H. Warden, George Chrystal.

SECOND PREPARATORY CLASS.

James Carswell, Andrew Glendinning, Francis W. Farries, James Pritchard, Hugh B. Crozier, John McNabb, John Blair Edmonston, John Becket, John A. G. Calder, John McDonald, Mungo Fraser, John Aull.

FIRST PREPARATORY CLASS.

John R. Riley, William Burns, P. M. Croll.

II.—THE STATE OF THE FUNDS.

The Treasurer's Account shows an increase of income for the present over that of the past year, to the extent of $1,111 14; the total amount received in 1861-2 being £3,628 82, while the amount this year is $4,739 96. This difference is no doubt mainly due to the special effort made in the former of these years, in aid of the Building Fund. It will be observed that the income this year, though considerably in advance of that of the last, is still inadequate to meet the necessary expenditure, and that the balance previously existing against the Ordinary Fund will be further increased. The deficit for this year, added to the previous arrears, makes a total of $,904 39.

The following statement shows the amounts contributed for the past and the present years by each Presbytery.

	1861-2.	1862-3.	Increase.	Decrease.
Presbytery of Montreal	$379 77	$997 52	$617 75	
" Ottawa	120 20	204 32	84 12	
" Brockville	83 93	52 60		$31 33
" Kingston	211 60	244 15	32 55	
" Cobourg	293 68	245 05		48 63
" Ontario	144 71	140 20		4 51
" Toronto	1,129 71	934 36		194 35
" Guelph	231 52	401 05	169 53	
" Hamilton	539 32	573 00	33 68	
" Paris	76 65	284 80	218 15	
" London	238 72	231 92		6 80
" Huron	61 19	132 78	71 59	
" Stratford	28 50	120 99	92 49	
" Grey	54 32	86 36	32 04	
Sabbath Schools		10 00	10 00	
Donations	35 00	70 00	35 86	
Total	$3,628 82	$4,739 96		

III.—THE BURSARY FUND.

The sum of $241 78 has been received on account of the Bursary Fund. Not including the Prince of Wales Bursary, amounting to $60, and held this year, as last, by Mr. James Mitchell, there has been paid to students, both as grants in aid, and upon the ground of successful competition, the sum of $394.

IV.—THE LIBRARY.

Very few additional volumes have been added to the library this year, the outlay for additional volumes not being more than $62. This outlay, together with the ordinary expenses has been met by matriculation fees, and a contribution from one of the congregations of the Church.

In regard to the Boarding Department, it is unnecessary to say more than that it appears to have been conducted, as heretofore, in a satisfactory manner.

V.

The Board invites the attention of the Synod to the following recommendations:—

1st. They concur with the Senate in thinking that a higher degree of preparation should be required as a condition of admission to the classes of the College. They do not, however, approve of the suggestions of the Principal pointing as an alternative, to the propriety of lengthening the theological curriculum.

2nd. They concur with the Senate in recommending that a sum of $50 be given to Mr. Gibson, as a small acknowledgment of his services in teaching Greek and Latin during the past session.

3rd. They concur also in the recommendation to the effect that greater strictness should be observed in limiting the advantages of the Boarding Department to the students connected with Knox College.

In addition to the above, they recommend farther that a list of the students who matriculate in the various of the curriculum should be prepared and printed with the Report of the Board. Such a list is prepared for the present year.

Finally, the Board would press upon the attention of the Synod the necessity of devising some method for placing the finances of the College upon a more satisfactory footing.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT URE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod, to take into consideration the whole subject of the preparatory theological education of candidates for the ministry, beg to submit the following Report.

The first point to which the Committee directed their attention was one frequently referred to in previous discussions on this question, viz., the propriety of abolishing the purely literary classes in Knox College, restricting the teaching within that institution to theology, and the cognate branches. The Committee are not insensible to the weight of argument by which such a change can be supported, nor do they doubt its propriety in the abstract; but,

while thinking it a point of too great importance to be lost sight of, they cannot, under existing circumstances, recommend its immediate adoption by the Synod. While alluding to the matter, the Committee may be permitted to express their satisfaction that provision was made by the Senate, during the past session of Knox College, for the efficient teaching of the classics within the institution; and to recommend, not only the continuance of the arrangement in the meantime, but also the appropriation by the Board of Management of a small sum in connection therewith, in the event of the students' fees failing to afford a suitable remuneration to the person employed in giving the instruction.

Farther, the Committee unanimously and strongly recommend the appointment by the Synod of a Board of Examiners, who shall be empowered to subject to a uniform examination, at the beginning of each session, all candidates for entrance to the College, with the view of determining whether their attainments would justify their entrance, and if so, at what point in the curriculum. Also, that this Board should, at the same time, take on examination, on certain prescribed subjects, the students of each successive year, with the view of deciding whether they are entitled to pass into a higher stage in the course of study. The Committee would propose that students passing a regular course in the University and taking a Degree, should be exempted from examination by the Board until the period of entering on the theological course.

With the view of adjusting the relation of Presbyteries to the Board, the Committee would propose that no student be taken on examination by it for entrance to the College, without having been first examined by the Presbytery in which he resides as to his moral and religious qualifications for the work of the ministry—and if deemed desirable, as to his literary attainments as well—and thereafter duly attested; and that the Presbytery's attestation should be necessary, not only for entrants, but at each successive year of the course.

The Committee trust that the Synod will see its way clear to give the proposed change a trial. It will secure uniformity of standard, and a more thorough examination than is always and perhaps often possible, where the time of Presbyteries is so much engaged with attention to the mission stations within their bounds, and work of a similar kind, while it might be expected to supply a stimulus to effort on the part of the students, which could hardly be looked for from a plan like that now in operation, according to which, the examination is divided over a number of Presbyteries with only a few students in each. The proposal is not a new one in the Presbyterian Church. It has been long in operation in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. It was adopted several years ago by the Free Church of Scotland, after the fullest consideration. It will be apparent to all, that if such a Board is required in countries where the whole students pass through a regular University course, it must be much more imperatively demanded in the present circumstances of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT URE, *Convener.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEVENTH CLAUSE OF ACT OF PARLIAMENT, ANENT THE UNION OF THE CHURCHES.

The Committee appointed to consider the Seventh Clause of the Act of Parliament, anent the Union of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, beg to report:

That after carefully considering the matter remitted to them, they would recommend, that the 7th clause of said Act be amended by omitting the words after "provided," in the eleventh line (23rd line in this copy), and ending with "otherwise," and by adding, after the word "schools," in the tenth line (23rd line), the words "or for the purpose of uniting with another congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church;" also adding the words "now existing," after "corporation," in the fourteenth line (30th line).

That the clause so amended be printed in parallel columns with the clause as it now stands, and sent down to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act, and that Presbyteries be instructed to remit the same to congregations for their consideration, with a view to an application being made to Parliament for the amendment of said Act, should it appear to be generally desired by the Church.

That no additional checks seem necessary, to prevent the undue alienation of Trust property.

All which is respectfully submitted by

WM. MCLAREN, *Convener.*

CLAUSE AS IT NOW STANDS.	AMENDED CLAUSE.
7. Trustees or other administrators of corporate or trust property of any congregation in connexion or communion with the said united body may, with the consent of the congregation, or of a majority present of those entitled to vote at a meeting convened to consider the matter (as provided either by their trust deeds, or by section number four of this Act, for the election of trustees in case of vacancies, as the case may be), mortgage, sell or exchange any real estate belonging to or holden for the use or in trust for the said congregation, for the purpose of repairing or securing the debt on any building thereon erected, or of erecting other or more suitable churches, manses, or glebes, or schools, in any other locality that they may deem best, or of purchasing other and more suitable churches, manses, glebes or schools; provided, nevertheless, that such mortgage, sale or exchange be first sanctioned by the Presbytery under whose care such congregation is placed, and not otherwise; and provided further, that in Upper Canada this clause shall only apply where the Deed of Trust or Act of Incorporation contains no provision for mortgaging, selling or exchanging, for the purpose for which such mortgage, sale or exchange is desired.	7. Trustees or other administrators of corporate or trust property of any congregation in connexion or communion with the said united body may, with the consent of the congregation, or of a majority present of those entitled to vote at a meeting convened to consider the matter (as provided either by their trust deeds, or by section number four of this Act, for the election of trustees in case of vacancies, as the case may be), mortgage, sell or exchange any real estate belonging to or holden for the use or in trust for the said congregation, for the purpose of repairing or securing the debt on any building thereon erected, or of erecting other or more suitable churches, manses, or glebes, or schools, in any other locality that they may deem best, or of purchasing other and more suitable churches, manses, glebes or schools, or for the purpose of uniting with another congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church; provided that in Upper Canada this clause shall only apply where the Deed of Trust or Act of Incorporation now existing contains no provision for mortgaging, selling or exchanging, for the purpose for which such mortgage, sale or exchange is desired.

DRAFT OF AN ACT FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND DISTRICT SYNODS, REMITTED TO PRESBYTERIES AND SESSIONS, BY THE SYNOD.

Whereas it is of importance for the welfare and good government of the Church, that a General Assembly and certain District Synods should forthwith be instituted in the Canada Presbyterian Church:

Be it therefore resolved and enacted, by and with the consent of Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act, viz.:

I.—That, in the year ——, there shall be constituted a Supreme Court of this Church, instead of the present Synod, which shall be styled and entitled the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and which shall possess and enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities which at present belong to the Synod of the said Church.

II.—The General Assembly shall consist of one-half of the whole number of the Ministers on the Roll of the several Presbyteries, with an equal number of representative Elders, or of such other proportion as may at any time be lawfully determined on; and said members shall be appointed in the manner following, viz.:

1. At an ordinary meeting of Presbytery, held at least sixty days before the meeting of the General Assembly, one half of the proportional number of Ministers which any Presbytery may have to send shall be appointed by election; the other half by rotation, beginning at the top of the Presbytery Roll, and so on in succession from year to year. The Elders shall be appointed by election from the Roll of the Presbytery, provided always that it shall be lawful to appoint one fifth part of the number from the acting Elders of any of the congregations of the Church.

2. The Presbytery shall forthwith grant to the Ministers and Elders thus elected and appointed, Commissions in due form, attested by their Clerk, which Commissions said members shall forward to the Clerk of the General Assembly at least eight days before its meeting; and said Clerk shall from such Commissions prepare an interim Roll, to be called at the opening of said Assembly, and which, being amended and corrected if necessary, shall be confirmed as the Roll of the General Assembly.

3. If uneven numbers should occur in the Rolls of Presbyteries, then they shall in every such case make an equitable adjustment of the representation thereto, subject always to the review of the Assembly.

III.—The General Assembly shall meet at Toronto, C. W., on such day and in such place as may on adjournment be determined by the present Synod; and the Moderator shall be nominated and appointed in the same manner as the Moderator of the Synod has heretofore been, or as may otherwise be hereafter determined.

IV.—There shall be constituted three District Synods, immediately subordinate to the General Assembly, but having superior and appellate jurisdiction over the Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations within their respective bounds; and which shall possess and enjoy all such other subordinate powers and privileges as may from time to time be granted them by the General Assembly. There shall also be the right of appeal, reference, petition and overture from and to said Synods; and they shall be styled and constituted as follows, viz.:

1. The Synod of Toronto, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the Rolls of the Presbyteries of Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Grey, Ontario and Cobourg. This Synod shall meet at Toronto, within Knox Church, on the —— day of ——, one thousand eight hundred and sixty——, at — o'clock, ——, and thereafter by regular adjournment at such time and place as the Synod itself may determiue and appoint. The first moderator shall be the Rev. ——.

2. The Synod of London, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the Rolls of the Presbyteries of London, Huron, Stratford and Paris, and shall meet at London, within —— Church, on the —— day of ——, one thousand eight hundred and sixty——, at — o'clock, and thereafter by regular adjournment at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. ——.

3. The Synod of Montreal, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the Rolls of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville and Kingston, and shall meet at Montreal within Lagauchetiere-street Church, on the —— day of ——, one thousand eight hundred and sixty——, at — o'clock, and thereafter by regular adjournment at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. ——.

4. The Clerks of the several Presbyteries shall send certified Rolls of their Presbyteries to the Clerks of their respective Synods, at least eight days before the meetings of said Synods; and such Rolls shall be the Rolls respectively of the several Synods.

5. The Moderators of said Synods shall, in all meetings after the first, be nominated and appointed by open vote, or in such other manner as the Synod itself may from time to time determine. The business shall be conducted in the same manner, *mutatis mutandis*, as is the business of the General Assembly; provided, nevertheless, that the Synods shall have power from time to time to frame, alter and amend such other and additional standing orders as they may deem necessary for their own orderly procedure.

6. The powers and functions of said Synods shall be purely administrative of the existing Constitution and Laws of the Church, and exercised in harmony with the government of the Church by Church Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and a General Assembly.

7. Said Synods shall not meet oftener than twice during the ecclesiastical year, and shall annually send up their Minute Books for examination by the General Assembly.

REGULATIONS ANENT PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Regulations adopted by the Synod as to points of form, which are to be observed in the keeping of Presbytery Records.

1. That the number of every page be given in words, as well as in figures.
2. That every page have the signature of the Presbytery Clerk at the foot of it.
3. That the time of a Presbytery Meeting be given in words, and the building, as well as the town or village in which the Presbytery meets, be stated.
4. That all erasures, or other changes on the Records, be noticed on the margin, with the initials of the Clerk's name.
5. That all items of recorded business, &c., be indexed on the margin.

6. That the place and date of each meeting of Presbytery be put on the margin, at the head of the page.

7. That all sums of money be given in words, as well as in figures.

8. That no unnecessary vacant space be left between the minutes of sederunts.

OVERTURE ON CERTAIN STANDING ORDERS.

Whereas, by the present method of voting on resolutions, confusion arises and time is lost; and whereas it is desirable to have some regulations by which discussion may be closed and any matter—which a majority of the Synod may be unwilling, for the present, to consider—laid aside; it is humbly and respectfully overtured by the undersigned, that the "Standing Orders" anent the "Conducting of Business" be sent down to Presbyteries, that the same may be amended by the adoption of the following:—

1. That sections 10 and 11 be repealed.

2. That each motion shall be put to the House, and voted upon by itself, beginning with the last amendment, and the first resolution that obtains a a majority shall be declared carried, and the remaining ones, if any, lost. In voting, whether by a show of hands, or by calling the roll, the question shall be "aye" or "no."

3. That the previous question may be moved, and when moved no further discussion shall be allowed until it shall have been decided. The previous question shall be, whether the vote on the resolution or resolutions before the House be now taken. Should it be carried, the vote shall be immediately taken, but should it be lost, the discussion may proceed.

4. That it shall be competent for any two members to move that the matter before the Synod be laid on the table. When this motion is made, no further discussion shall be allowed, until it is decided by a vote of the House. Should it be decided in the negative, the discussion may proceed; but if in the affirmative, the matter shall not again be taken up, except by a resolution to this effect carried by a majority.

ALEX. F. KEMP and others.

OVERTURE ANENT PRINTING OF PAPERS IN CAUSES.

Whereas it is of importance for the right consideration and adjudication of causes coming before the Synod, that the facts stated and pleas urged should be fully and distinctly understood; and whereas it is difficult for members to obtain this distinct understanding from merely hearing the papers read by the Clerk; it is hereby humbly overtured by the undersigned, that it be ordered, That all papers in causes coming before the Synod be printed by the parties bringing such causes, and put into the hands of members at least a day before these causes are brought before the Court; and that in the cases of parties who may be unable to bear the expense of such printing, the Committee of Bills and Overtures be empowered to have the papers printed at the expense of the Synod.

JOHN GILLESPIE and others.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have done what they could to carry out the instructions of Synod. They have had four ordinary meetings during the year; two in Hamilton, in July and January, and two in Toronto, in October and April. They would take up in order the different matters that have come under their notice.

RED RIVER.

Mr. Nisbet arrived at his destination on the 19th July last, and since that time has been faithfully and energetically coöperating with Mr. Black. They have charge of four Stations—Kildonan, Little Britain, Fairfield (Assiniboine,) and Fort Garry.

The distance between the extreme points, is 34 miles. They have each two services on Sabbath, and conduct a Bible Class. They take charge of three Prayer Meetings each week, at which an expository lecture is given. A fourth is held at Assiniboine, and conducted by the people themselves. The Presbyterian population of the settlement numbers between five and six hundred—who are nearly all Scotch, or of Scotch descent. A few are more or less allied to the Indian tribes, and a few pure Indians may be occasionally seen in the Church at Little Britain.

The Church at Assiniboine is completed. It cost about $380, of which some $150 were contributed by the people themselves, and a little over that sum by the children of the Church, leaving $75 yet unprovided for: but thoroughly to finish and furnish the Church there, and at Little Britain, would require $200 additional. Two bells are very much wanted, and a good Sabbath School library for each of the Stations.

In October last, Mr. Dallas, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, applied for supply of preaching at Fort Garry, five miles south of Kildonan. This, as being the head-quarters of the Company, and likely, in the event of the country being thrown open, to form the *Town*, is a point of much importance. Eight families in the neighbourhood besides the chief salesman, and several young men at the Fort, belong to our Church. Our brethren had contemplated a movement in that direction, and were only too glad to comply with the Governor's kind invitation, by granting fortnightly supply.

Your Committee would gratefully record the kindness of Governor Dallas and the Company in granting to our Church at Little Britain, 82 acres of excellent land.

Most hearty resolutions have been received by your Committee passed by the people at their last Annual Congregational Meeting, expressive of their high appreciation of Mr. Nisbet's services, and their gratitude to our Church for sending and sustaining him amongst them.

THE SASKATCHEWAN MINES.

Pressing applications have been made to your Committee, to send a Missionary to Fort Edmonton, which the discovery of gold has made a point of attraction. Your Committee feel fully the force of the considerations addressed to them, and, remembering besides, the fertility of the Saskatchewan Valley, the likelihood of its being ultimately settled with an intelligent and industrious population, and the fact of its being on what will yet prove the highway of communication with British Columbia and the vast regions beyond, they

would deem it of great importance to have a Missionary settled there, with all convenient speed.

MISSIONS TO THE INDIANS.

In connexion with the mission to Red River, the payment, at least, of the first instalment of an old debt due by the Presbyterianism of Canada, to the "Poor Indian" was contemplated. It was not expected that, during the first year, almost any thing would be done in the way of direct effort, but, that such information would be gathered as might furnish the basis for future action. In the carrying out of this, Messrs. Black and Nisbet have done all that could be reasonably expected. They have brought under our notice, two fields possessing peculiar features of adaptation for Missionary work among the Aborigines. It will not be necessary to enlarge on these fields now, as our much esteemed brother, Mr. Nisbet, has kindly volunteered to visit us at his own expense, and to make a personal representation of their claims.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Our beloved brother continues to labour at New Westminster with much fidelity and devotedness, During the Spring, Summer, and Fall of last year, he preached forenoon and evening every Sabbath and taught a Sabbath school in the afternoon. Since the middle of November, he has conducted an additional service at the Royal Engineers' camp every Sabbath at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Jamieson taking efficient charge of the Sabbath school.

The average attendance during the Winter has been—forenoon 90, afternoon 25, evening 50; Sabbath school children in attendance, 20; Prayer meeting every Thursday, average attendance 8, of whom 5 have led in prayer. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on Feb. 8, being the first Presbyterian Communion in British Columbia. Fifteen names were placed on the roll, 10 males and 5 females, six for the first time, 2 have been received by certificate since;—a little flock indeed, gathered out of the lands, and representing every branch of the great Presbyterian family. It was a day much to be remembered, and led the minds of some to revert to those "footsteps of the flock," amid scenes of hallowed reminiscences, by which they were wont to "go forth," and those "shepherd's tents" far away, around which they were accustomed to "feed." Mr. Jamieson has baptized nine children, attended five funerals, and celebrated one marriage, the first marriage by any minister, except Church of England, on the soil of British Columbia.

The people of New Westminster have expended $1,346 on the Manse, which is comfortable and commodious, on a site beautiful and commanding, with an excellent garden attached. By the efforts of your missionary $1,300 more have been subscribed for the new church, over and above the $300 donated by the committee. As the lots set apart for a Presbyterian church, at the laying out of the town, were not considered sufficiently central, a most eligible site has been purchased for $100, worth three times that amount. The church will, in all probability, be fit for occupancy by this time. The Sabbath collections have amounted to $290. The fact that within the year upwards of three thousand dollars have been collected or subscribed by a people, comparatively few and feeble, and surrounded by many difficulties and temptations, speaks well for their liberality, and for the hold which our missionary has obtained of their hearts and hands. As there was no school in the Town, Mr. Jamieson felt it to be his duty, in July last, at the urgent request of several respectable families, to devote a portion of his time to the work of education. He thus got the opportunity of communicating a large amount of Scriptural knowledge, and through the children, of exerting an influence on the parents. He has now given up the school, having secured the services of one, who, for several years, proved a good teacher in Canada, and who attended his ministry at Yorkmills. He got the parents to guarantee $500 for one year, and the Governor has added $500 more; the school to be conducted on unsectarian principles, and to be managed by a committee representing each denomination. The school realized during the brief term of Mr. Jamieson's connexion with it, $250, $100 of which he generously handed over to the Church Building Fund, and the remaining $150 was devoted to the erection and furnishing of a small school house, which can be rented at from 6 to 8 dollars a month.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

The esteemed representative of the Irish Presbyterian Church continues, with characteristic energy, to prosecute the work at Victoria. The foundation stone of a handsome new Church, (to cost, we understand, $6,000) was laid lately by Chief Justice Cameron, one of the congregation.

DEMAND FOR MORE LABOURERS.

Mr. Jameson has repeatedly urged on your Committee the importance of sending reinforcements, for there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed, and if we go not up to possess it now for Him whose right it is to reign over it, we may lose golden opportunities. In his last, he says, "As I have expressed myself so fully already on this all important question of more help from Canada, ministerial and financial, I will not dwell on that subject at present, full as I am of it every day, and almost every hour of the day."

It is not from any insensibility to their power and pathos that your Committee have not given an immediate response to these pressing appeals. Most willingly would we have sent forth one or more additional missionaries to labour in the gold fields at Cariboo, and to occupy Lytton or Lillooet, could we have done so, without involving ourselves in financial embarrassment, and doing injustice to other claims, to which, as a church, we stand partially committed. It is true we have a Capital Fund on hand, but this arose from causes which will never likely occur again, and it is desirable to reserve it for special extra demands, in whose behalf it has already been considerably drawn upon. Your Committee are of opinion that the ordinary current expenses should be met by the Annual Collection. Acting on this principle, they feel that they could not incur any additional responsibility without the consent of the Synod, for, in point of fact, the ordinary receipts have not, thus far, met the expenditure.

The Committee sounded the Church through the Presbyteries on the subject of sending another missionary. Communications were sent to each of the Presbyteries, through representative members, asking their opinion on the matter, and also the names of any parties whom they deemed eligible in the event of such an appointment being found feasible. The result of these applications disposed your Committee the more to defer action.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

Understanding that the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland might be disposed to unite with us in defraying half the expenses of a missionary from Scotland, correspondence was opened up with that Committee, intimating our willingness to enter into such a partnership, on the understanding

that whoever was sent should be placed under our supervision. Two letters have been received from Dr. Bonar, the Convener of that Committee cordially reciprocating our friendly overtures, and intimating that a special effort was about being made to raise the requisite funds, and that the Committee unanimously approved of whoever was sent being directly connected with the Canadian Church.

Your Committee further entered into correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. No direct reply was received from the latter, but a very friendly notice was taken of our communication in their *Missionary Herald*, and enough said by the respected convener of their Colonial Committee to show that our Hibernian sister is fully alive to the claims of the Far West.

A long and interesting letter has been received from Dr. Somerville, Missionary Agent of the United Presbyterian Church, a portion of which has appeared in the *Record*. The decision of their Committee with reference to our appeal was to the effect that "the growing claims of the Missions which they are already pledged to support, put it out of their power to comply with your request."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

Your Committee have enjoyed pleasant fraternal correspondence with the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces. Our Synod's grant of $500 for their New Hebrides Mission (equal to the support of one Missionary for a year,) was gratefully acknowledged.

In this connexion, we would notice that we are favoured with the presence of Mr. James D. Gordon, a Missionary elect of the Nova Scotian Church, who will soon set sail in the Children's Ship for his far distant field of labour. Mr. Gordon is brother to the late lamented Rev. George Gordon, the second Martyr of Erromanga. It is true Christian heroism in him thus readily to volunteer for the post yet wet with the blood of a beloved brother and sister. He has been enabled to say "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself." As he goes bound in spirit to that field of blood we will follow him with our prayers, that he may be hid in the Pavilion of Jehovah, and that amid those coral gems which sparkle in the bosom of the Pacific—

> "Where every prospect pleases,
> And only man is vile,"

he may have great doors and effectual opened for him though there be many adversaries.

ONE VOLUNTEER.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that one of the most promising of our students, who has just completed his curriculum, has offered his services for the Foreign Mission Field wherever the Committee may choose to send him. We would that there were more such, and that when they do thus respond to the call of Christ and the Church "whom shall I send and who will go for us," —and the call of the perishing "come over and help us," by saying, "Here am I, send me"—our people, by an increased liberality, would place us in a position to avail ourselves of such voluntary consecration.

STATE OF THE FUNDS.

The usual Annual Appeal was published in the January *Record*. Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that the collections are in advance of last year

by about $700. The Congregational Collections amounted to $2,798 23, the expenditure to $3,521 41. The balance on hand amounts to $5,590 99. This is encouraging, considering the monetary pressure that has been too severely felt in some parts of the Province. Still, taking into account the increasing numbers and resources of our Church, and the weight of our obligations, it comes far short of what we might and should do. The English Presbyterian Church, with numbers not much over a third of ours, collected last year for their Foreign Missions four times more than we.

MACHINERY NEEDED.

Your Committee are impressed with the idea, that had we the suitable machinery in operation, in all our Congregations and Sabbath Schools for the development of a systematic beneficence, we could realize yet greater things than we have ever attained or anticipated. While not disparaging the importance of our Annual Collections, your Committee feel how precarious and insufficient is the foundation which it supplies. They would strongly recommend the formation of Missionary Associations. These where they have been formed, in our Congregations already, have elicited a Missionary feeling, and enlisted personal effort which would otherwise have lain dormant in the Church, have secured the regular presentation of the great Missionary Enterprise periodically before the people's minds and have increased their contributions fourfold. Let each Congregation, where it is feasible, be divided into small districts; let one or two Collectors be appointed to each, and subscriptions be taken up monthly by the Collectors, on a day to be intimated from the pulpit the previous Sabbath, and we are persuaded the result would astonish us. The scheme of Congregational Monthly Contributions for Missions recommended by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, will be published in an early number of the *Record*, and will shew the machinery by which their Missionary resources have risen from £1,650, in 1835, to £31,000, in 1862. By this, or some other similar course that may better commend itself to the brethren, we shall realize the truth of a remark made by Dr. Somerville, in a letter already referred to—"I believe that when the Spirit shall be more fully poured out, and the claims of Christ better felt, it will be seen, that, in the school of benevolence, we are not much past the alphabet."

Your Committee feel increasingly the importance of deepening and intensifying the interest of our children, in the Missionary work. Of late years, the improvement in this respect is marked, and furnishes ground of encouragement.

Your Committee would recommend that once a month, say, the first week of each month, our regular weekly meetings should assume a Missionary character. They would further recommend that, as far as practicable, on the first Saturday evening of every month, one hour, say between 8 and 9, be set apart for special prayer in behalf of Missions in general, and our own Missions in particular.

Your Committee would conclude by affectionately urging on our faithful people, more fervent and believing prayer, more enlarged and enlightened liberality, and more direct personal effort, that we may not, as a Church, lag behind in the great work of the world's evangelization. This day is to us a day of good tidings. If we hold our peace, mischief shall befall us. We are our brothers' keepers; and if we be not found faithful to this trust, we will be convicted as verily guilty concerning our brother, and the voice of our brother's blood will testify against us. The Lord hath been mindful of us. He hath enlarged our coast, and blessed us indeed. If we altogether hold our peace,

then shall enlargement and deliverance come to these perishing ones from another place; and who knoweth but that we have come to the kingdom, and reached our present elevation for such a time as this. But we are persuaded better things of a Church to which the glorious Head has given a banner, because of the truth. Having opened our mouth to the Lord, we will not go back. We will go forward. We will come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty—till the Prince of this world be cast out, and the standard of salvation wave triumphantly over his remotest stronghold.

ROBERT F. BURNS, *Convener.*

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1st MAY, 1862 TO 30th APRIL, 1863, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

KNOX COLLEGE—ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1862.			
	Contributions from Congregations, &c., as per *Record*	$4,729 96	
April 30.	Balance at Dr.	2.904 39	
			$7,634 35

EXPENDITURE.

1862.			
May 1.	Balance at Dr.	$814 70	
	Paid to Professors during year on account of Salaries and arrears	5,477 52	
	Mr. J. M. Gibson, for services as Tutor	50 00	
	Interest on purchase money still unpaid	273 14	
	Mr. Willing on account	50 00	
	Accounts for Printing	21 85	
	Insurance on Building and Library	95 82	
	Bal. at Dr. of Library acct. last year and transferred to ordinary fund	74 72	
	Accounts for books for Library	62 00	
	Accounts for repairs to Building	124 69	
	Accounts to *Globe* for Advertising	12 72	
	City Corporation for Sewage Rate	28 97	
	Commercial Bank, advance repaid	500 00	
	Interest for advances	36 22	
	Discount on Silver, Checks, Money Orders, &c.	12 00	
			7,634 35
	The amount due to Professors for Salary is	1,049 26	

BURSARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1862.			
May 1.	Balance at Cr.	$459 43	
	I. Buchanan, Esq.	80 00	
	Free Church of Scotland, for Gaelic Bursary, (for two years)	97 78	
	Mrs. Esson and Mrs. Sparks, for Henry Esson, Bur.	20 00	
	Interest Received	44 00	
			701 21

EXPENDITURE.

Paid J. Mitchell, Prince of Wales Prize	$60 00	
A. B. Simpson, John Knox Bursary	40 00	
W. H. Simpson. George Buchanan Bursary	40 00	
John McColl, Gaelic Bursary	20 00	
Arch. McLean, "	20 00	

Alex. McLennan, Gaelic Bursary	$16 00	
John Aull, Henry Esson Bursary	20 00	
Advanced on acct. of Fees in classics	15 00	
Sums advanced to Students	48 00	
" " " to be repaid	115 00	
Balance on hand	307 21	
		701 21

COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1863. Amount received during year	$843 80	
April 30. Balance at Dr.	656 70	
		$1,500 50

EXPENDITURE.

1662. May 1. Balance at Dr.	$1,491 50	
Account for Printing	9 00	
		1,500 50
The amount due on Mortgage is	1,625 98	

LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Matriculation Tickets &c.	$88 50	
Newton	5 00	
		93 50

EYPENDITURE.

Salary of Librarian	60 00	
Sundry accounts paid	19 50	
Balance at Cr.	14 00	
		93 60

WIDOWS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1862. May 1. Balance in hand	$1,662 58	
Rates paid by Ministers	1,384 00	
Congregational Collections, as per *Record*	1,353 31	
Interest	2,115 11	
Investment falling due	1,124 00	
		7,639 00

EXPENDITURE.

Rate repaid	8 00	
Annuities paid	870 00	
Invested	4,420 00	
Printing, &c.	16 50	
One-half of Congregational Collections credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers	676 65	
Proportion of Salary of General Agent	250 00	
" Expenses	60 00	
Discount on Silver, Checks, &c.	10 28	
Balance	1,327 57	
		7,639 00

The following is the present state of the Fund:—

Invested in Debentures	$9,852 00	
" Mortgages	23,878 00	
Cash	1,327 57	
		35,057 57
There is in hand on account of Special Fund to be raised by Congregations of former Uuited Presbyterian Church	$2,434 71	

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$715 19	
One-half Con. Collections for Widows' Fund	676 65	
Sundry receipts as per statement	73 42	
Interest	20 00	
		1,485 26

EXPENDITURE.

Annuities paid to three Ministers	$480 00	
Circulars	0 75	
Proportion of General Expenses	20 00	
" Salary of General Agent	20 00	
Balance	964 51	
		1,485 26

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$2,492 79	
" received from R. Christie, Esq	860 00	
Cash from P. Redpath, Esq., part of am't in his hand,	800 00	
Congreg. collections, &c., as acknowledged in *Record*	2,798 23	
Interest	55 00	

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. R. Jamieson's drafts	$1,900 00	
Rev. J. Nisbet, "	778 06	
" outfit and travelling expenses	210 00	
Sundry expenses at Designation of Mr. Nisbet	7 25	
Expenses incurred by Convener	12 00	
Books, Indian Translations, &c., for Mr. Nisbet	8 60	
Printing	18 56	
Remitted to Mission Board of Nova Scotia Church.	500 00	
Proportion of General Expenses	40 00	
" Salary of General Agent	35 00	
Discount on Silver, Checks, Money Orders, &c.	12 00	
Balance on hand	3,484 55	
		7,006 02
There is also in the hands of John Redpath, Fsq.	$2,106 44	
Making in all the sum of	5,590 99	

HOME MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$45 30	
" R. Christie, Esq	463 00	
Mission Board of Irish Pres. Church, (2 years grants).	1,460 50	
Collections, &c., as acknowledged in *Record*	1,454 54	
		3,423 34

EXPENDITURE.

I. Payments on account of preceding year:		
Presbytery of Grey	$350 00	
" " for Normanby	50 00	
" Stratford	46 46	
" London for Buxton	280 00	
" " Carlisle	75 00	
Presbytery of Kingston	40 00	
" Ottawa for Pakenham	30 00	
" Montreal for Kennebec	143 75	
" Ontario for Prince Albert	60 00	
Rev. W. Scott, St. Sylvester	145 80	
Sundry accounts for Printing	14 05	
		$1,395 06
II. Payments on account of 1862 and'63:		
Presbytery of Grey, ½ of claim	$133 45	
" Stratford, ½ of claim	80 00	
" London, for Buxton	200 00	
" " Carlisle	35 00	
" Toronto, ½ of claim	220 00	
" Brockville, "	40 00	
" Montreal, for Mille Isle	77 00	
Rev. W. Inglis, Kincardine, (special)	10 00	
		915 45
Printing	1 00	
Discount on Silver, Checks, &c	12 00	
Proportion of General Expenses	40 00	
" Salary of Agent	25 00	
		78 00
Balance		1,034 83
		3,423 34

The claims have now been paid in full.

SYNOD FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$525 62	
Congregational Collections as acknowledged in *Record*.	1,398 91	
		1,924 23

EXPENDITURE.

Church Officer for attendance at Synod	$20 00	
Rev. W. Fraser, Account for Postages	6 32	
" Salary	100 00	
Rev. J. Gray, Sundry Expenses while engaged with Statistics	27 50	
Expenses of Deputations:		
Chicago and St. Ann's	$234 47	
Saugeen and Owen Sound	60 90	
Ashburn, (two meetings)	35 87	
	331 24	
Printing Minutes, &c	207 00	
Charges in Mailing and Despatching do	15 23	
Rev. A. Kemp, for Digest, &c	220 00	
Proportion of General Expenses	50 00	
On account of Salary of Agent	850 00	
Discount on Silver, Checks, &c	8 00	
Balance	88 94	
		1,924 23

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$31 11	
Congregational Collections as acknowledged in *Record*.	1480 84	
		1511 95

EXPENDITURE.

Payments to Mr. Court	$1318 70	
Printing	12 50	
Proportion of General Expenses	20 00	
" Salary of Agent	20 00	
Discount on Silver, &c	5 00	
Balance	135 75	
		$1511 95

BUXTON MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Grant from Home Mission Fund	$480 00	
Church in Ireland (2 years grants)	973 34	
Sundries, as per statement	30 14	
		1,483 48

EXPENDITURE.

Bal. at Dr. last year	$546 57	
Rev. W. King	570 00	
Paid to Teachers	343 34	
Proportion of General Expenses	12 29	
Balance	11 28	
		1,483 48

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions received during year	1811 83	
Balance at Dr.	384 77	
		2,196 60

EXPENDITURE.

1862.		
May 1. Balance at Dr	5 01	
Paid W. C. Chewett & Co., for Printing	726 40	
" Buntin & Bro., on account of Paper	900 00	
" Circulars	5 50	
" Mailing, &c	101 69	
Proportion of General Expenses	50 00	
" Salary of Agent	400 00	
Discount on Silver, &c	8 00	
		2,196 60

BUXTON MISSION BUILDING FUND.

Balance from last year	1553 01	
Interest	75 00	
		1,628 01

MISSION TO AMERICAN INDIANS.

Balance from last year	$223 25	
From Friend	40 00	
		263 25

FOREIGN MISSION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.

RECEIPTS.

Bay Street Toronto	$43 00	
" " Sabbath School	14 00	
		57 00
Remitted the same		$57 00

SUNDRY MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Received as per *Record* during year		$71 85

EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to John McDonald, Esq., Treas. of Free Church	$50 85	
" Rev. D. Crawford, Treasurer U. P. Church	21 00	
		71 85

LANCASHIRE RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received as per *Record* during year	$255 79

EXPENDITURE.

Paid to W. B. Phipps, Esq., Treasurer, in Toronto	$255 79

CHURCH AT ASSINIBOINE.

RECEIPTS.

Received as per *Record* during year	$178 21

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Rev. J. Nesbit	$116 77	
Balance in hand	61 44	
		178 21

The above accounts have been examined, vouchers compared, and found correct.

(Signed) J. McMURRICH, J. L. BLAIKIE, J. S. PLAYFAIR.

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" 8, in Roll of Presbytery of Stratford, opposite Mr. Beattie's name, for "Hornington" read "Mornington."

" 45, line 15th from bottom of page, for "David" read "Daniel."

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